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ADDENDA AND CORRIGENDA

A large number of typographical and a few errors of fact occur in this volume. The correction of the former is not so very absolutely necessary as the correction of the latter. Additions and correction of important errors are effected below.

1. It is stated on p. 3 that the Kali day 1,449,087 fell in the year S'. 786-7 (A.D. 864-5). This result was obtained by the rough method of dividing the number of the days given as expired after the Kali Yuga began by 365½. It has been found wrong. Dr. Fleet and Mr. Sewell drew my attention to this inaccuracy and they have each kindly supplied me with the correct date corresponding to the day of the Kali Yuga given in the record, which is 'July 8th, A.D. 866, or Kali 3967 expired, 15th Karka.'

2. Supply the word *kō* immediately before *Vikramāditya* in I. 1 of the transcript of the Huzur office plate of Vikramāditya Varaguna on p. 18.

3. A. Galletti, Esq., I.C.S., writes to me about the treaty between the Pāliyattu Achchan and the Dutch East India Company thus:—"No. IV is a sort of counterpart given to Paliat Atchan of the treaty between the Dutch and Cochin of 22nd March 1663, with amplifications. The treaty itself was printed as long ago as 1726 by Valentijn in Dutch. The Madras Government also have a MSS. volume containing Dutch copies of the treaties with native princes. However, I think the plates are well worthy of publication."

4. In translating the word *gōśāla* occurring in I. 3 of the first of the three inscriptions of Ādityavarman Sarvaṅganātha, on page 171, Mr. Sundaram Pillai, Dr. Kielhorn and myself have taken the word in the ordinary sense of a *cow-shed*. None of us suspected that the word had a technical meaning and in this sense it was used here. *Gōśāla* is a literal translation of the Tamil word *Tiruvāyambāḍi*, i.e. *Gōkula*, the name given to Krishna's temple or the quarter where it is situated. The Malayāḷam work on architecture and kindred subjects called the *Śilparatnam*, (itself a *precis* in verse of a larger Sanskrit treatise of the same name) describes the exact position of the *gōśāla* or Krishna's temple thus:—*Gōśālayil—Krishṇanad—engil āgnau koḷḷam vaḍakkum nirritau viśēṣhāt*, 'If it is (the shrine) of Krishna in the *Gōśāla*, it might be in the south-east or better even in the north or south or south-west.' In the whole of Malabar country and in ancient Tamil literature, the quarter where the temple of Krishna is situated is known by the name of *Tiruvāyambāḍi*; this latter name, in connection with Krishna's temple, is found in the inscriptions of Travancore.

5. Correct '1030 A.D.' which occurs in brackets after '*Later Malayāḷam*' on p. 223 into '1730 A.D.'

6. The translation beginning with '*Lines I 15*' the middle of p. 234, should go above '*Kaṇḍiyyūr Inscriptions of Kōṭavarman*' in I. 4 on the same page.

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No. I

Three Inscriptions of Kokkarunandadakkar

No. II

The Huzur Office Plate of Vikramaditya Varaguna

No. 1. THE HUZUR OFFICE PLATES

The name **Kô = kKarunandadakkan** was first brought to my notice four years ago by my late Field Assistant, Mr. Ganēsa Pillai. He found it in two inscriptions which he discovered at Tiruviḍaikkōḍu and read it then as **Kô = kKarunandakkar**. At that time nothing more could be learnt by him about this king. Some time after I joined my present appointment, a set of six copper-plates were made over to me by the order of the Chief Secretary by Mr. L. Sakharām Rao of the Huzur Secretariat. It would appear these plates were lying in a corner of an almirah in the **Huzur Office** for a long time and no one in that office is able to state how or when they happened to go there. The history of the plates remaining unknown, it is at present impossible to trace a few of the plates that are found missing in the set. Of these six plates, one bears on it a complete record of the reign of a sovereign named **Vikramāditya Varaguṇa**(1). One of the remaining five plates begins with the inscription of **Kô = kKarunandadakkan** given below; another has the end of a document which appears to be the same as that begun on the first plate. From the subject-matter of the passages contained in the other plates, one can easily assert that they all belong to one and the same inscription. On the whole the writing on the five plates, though obviously belonging to the same record, is fragmentary.

All the plates are engraved on both sides with deeply and neatly cut letters of the **Tamiḻ alphabet**; the language of the inscription is also **Tamiḻ**. There are a few orthographical peculiarities which require special notice here. The vowel *a* has an appearance very nearly similar to the same **Dēvanāgarī** vowel, minus the top line: e. g., in *aḍikkāḍi* in l. 4, in *agānāḷigai* in l. 7, in *aṭṭi* in l. 9, etc., in Pl. I. The other and more ordinary form is used also in some instances, as in *aṭṭiṇa* in l. 7, in Pl. I. *anubhavi* in l. 4, Pl. II, *aḍuttōḍuvadu* in l. 8, *aṇju* in l. 12, in Pl. IV., etc. In the formation of the secondary *u* and *ū*, of the consonants *t*, *n*, *ṇ*, and *l*, a distinct loop, in the part representing these secondary vowels, is formed as in modern writing(2): e. g. *nū* and *tu* in *nūṇāyirattu* in l. 1, *ṇu* in *Karunandadakkanuḷḷu* in l. 2, *nū* in *tonṇu* in l. 6, *ru* in *onṇu* in l. 10, Pl. I; *lu* in *paḍiṇālu* in l. 4, Pl. IV. In some instances the vertical stroke of *k* curls up as in the **Grantha** alphabet: e. g. *Kuttukkāṇ* in l. 1, Pl. II. The secondary *ai* in Pl. I, II, IV and V, are formed by prefixing the separate secondary *ai* symbol in the majority of instances, even in such cases as *ṇai*, *lai*, *ṇai* and *ṇai* where the *ai* symbol is different and is generally attached to the consonants themselves; the former form is found, for example, in *ṇai* in *viṇai*, l. 4; in *lai* occurring in *Sālai* in l. 6, *kollai* in l. 9, and *talai* in l. 12 in Pl. I; in *ṇai* in *paḍiṇaiṇju* in l. 13, Pl. I. The latter form of the secondary *ai* is almost exclusively employed in Plate III, even in the cases where the other symbol ought to be used: e. g., in *ṇai* in *poṇai* in l. 1, in *ḍai* in *ṇrudaiya* in the same line; *lai* in *Ilāyāṇ* in l. 4; in *ḍai* in *vidai* in l. 5, &c. In a single instance the conjunct consonant *ṇṇa* is employed in *unṇa* occurring in l. 7, Pl. V. The secondary *ū* is often formed by the addition of a separate secondary *ū* near the secondary *u*: e. g., in *kurāttūr* in l. 8, in *ṇunūṇṇu* in l. 6. In one instance, the secondary *nā* is formed by the addition of that secondary *ā* symbol which forms part of the consonant and which occurs in the

(1) This will be published very shortly.

(2) The same peculiarity is observable in other inscriptions of the same period as this inscription.

several Pallava records published by Dr. Hultzsch in his "South Indian Inscriptions;" e.g., in *Ṣaṇḍattunallūr* in l. 13, Pl. II. The *puṭṭi* or the sign of *virāma* is employed in a large number of instances in which it is required and very often also where it is not wanted; for instance, it occurs on *m* in *Māyilaṛai* in l. 12, Pl. I, on *n* in *ḷu-nāḷum* in l. 6, Pl. II, on *Y* in *vaṇyākarana°* in l. 5, Pl. IV. All Sanskrit words are written in the Grantha alphabet: e. g., *Svaṣṭi S'ri* in l. 1, Pl. I and *V. b, Viṣṇu-bhāṭṭarakarai-pratiṣṭhāi*, l. 5, *Pārthivaś'ekharapuram* in l. 5. *trai-rājya vyavahāram* in l. 5, Pl. IV, &c. On the second side of the fifth plate there is a Sanskrit verse and it is written, as in the case of other Sanskrit portions, in the Grantha character.

The writing on Plates I, II and III appear to have been engraved by one person while that on the fourth and fifth plates seems to be the work of a second engraver. This trivial difference in writing might be advanced as a reason against these plates belonging to the same record. But the analysis of the contents of all the plates given below will show clearly that they all really belong to the same record.

The preservation of the inscription is generally good; but the second side of the third plate alone is somewhat corroded; however, a large portion of the writing contained on it could be easily made out from the impression.

The first plate contains the date, the 1449037th day of the Kali era, which, the record says, was also the **fifteenth day of the ninth year of the reign** of the King **Karunandaḍakkam**. The inscription informs that this prince gradually purchased from the *sabha* of *Miñchirai*, the plot of land locally known as the *Uḷakkuḍivilāi*, fixed its boundaries, erected a temple on it, set up the image of Viṣṇu in the temple and named the village round it **Pārthivaśekharapuram**. He also established a **S'alai** (a boarding school) in which arrangements were made to feed ninety-five *Ṣaṭṭars*. Then the record describes the lands granted for the temple services. The second plate prescribes the duties of the temple servants and of the person employed to supply flowers to the temple. Then comes an enumeration of the lands granted for maintaining the perpetual lamps in the temple. A festival of seven days' duration is required to be celebrated in the month of *Paṅguṇi*, ending on the day on which the *Viś'ākha nakṣatra* falls; that day the deity is to be bathed in the river. The temple servants and the chiefs or elders among the *Ṣaṭṭars* receive double remuneration during these seven days of the festival. Some land is assigned, from the income of which this festival is ordered to be celebrated. The third plate contains the list of lands granted to meet the pay of the temple servants, such as the *S'antis'eyvāṇ* (the officiating priest), the *Aṇaḷigaippanis'eyvār*, he that mixes the five products of the cow (*Pañcha-gavyam-telippāṇ*), the flower supplier and the musicians. The fourth plate enjoins on the people of the various *nāḍus* or countries the duty of protecting the charitable institution, the *S'alai*. The number of *S'atṭars* of the *Bhaviṣya*, the *Taittiriya* and the *Talavakāra charaṇas* eating in the *S'alai* shall be 45, 36 and 14 respectively. The remaining plates lay down the rules of conduct of the *S'atṭars* and the mode in which they have to proceed with their studies; the procedure in collecting rent from the lands is referred to next. The rules governing the conduct of the temple servants towards the *Ṣaṭṭars* then follows. At the end of the fifth plate, it is mentioned that *S'attaṇ Murugaṇ alias Tenganāḍu-kilavaṇ* and *Tiraiyaṇ S'ingaṇ Kunrappolaṇ alias Ōmayanāḍu-kilavaṇ* were the *ājñapti* and the writer respectively of the document. At the beginning of the second side of the fifth plate there is, as I have already mentioned, a single Sanskrit verse, in praise of a person named *S'rivallabha*. A double *entendre* runs throughout the verse, applicable to Viṣṇu (the lord of *S'ri*) and *S'rivallabha*. Thus we see from the analysis given above that the contents of plates are obviously portions of the same record; at present it is not quite possible to say how many plates are missing.

In this inscription the name of the King is written unmistakably as Kô = kkarunandaçakkaṇ, which is also clearly the reading of the stone inscriptions at Tiruviçakkôḍu. The record is dated the 1449087th day of the Kali era, which, as we have already seen, corresponded with the fifteenth day of the ninth year of the reign of the king. This mode of dating the inscription in the days of the Kali era is rather rare; we have not got more than three or four such instances⁽³⁾. The day given in the present instance falls in the year 786-7 S' (864-5 A. D.). Therefore the date of accession of the king must be 777 S' (855-6 A. D.)

The name Kô-kkarunandaçakkaṇ belongs to a king hitherto unknown to South Indian Epigraphy; the family of the Yādavas or Āys to which he belonged, resided in the hilly regions of the Travancore state and was known to the ancient Tamil Literature, but not to Indian history. The discovery of the Huzur Office plates, the stone inscription at Kaḷugumalai of the reign of Māraṇjaçaiyaṇ mentioning a king of this dynasty, and the Pāliyam plates yield some names of the kings of the Āy-kula. The earliest known Āy was one Āy-Andiraṇ. He was a subordinate chief ruling over the mountain tracts of Southern Travancore with Aykuḍi as his capital. He was the lord of the Podiya (Malaya) mountain and the garland of *Surappunṇai* was peculiar to his dynasty. The Āys were Vellālas of the higher social scale, that of the overlords of the farmers of the soil. Andiraṇ was one of the seven great philanthropists praised in the later Tamil literature; he is said to enrich poets and other learned men with money and other valuables and elephants. He is also described as having won a victory over the kings of the Kongu Country. One curious story related of him is that he obtained from a serpent a fine fabric of blue colour which it obtained by the performance of a severe penance and presented to S'iva seated underneath a banyan tree. His contemporary poets were Muḍa-Môs'iyār, a resident of the Ēnicchēri suburb of Uṇaiyūr, Oçaikilār of Tuṇaiyūr and Kuṭṭuvaṇ Kiraṇār.⁽⁴⁾

Another member of this ancient dynasty is Karunandan. This name occurs in an inscription, first discovered by Mr. T. Raghaviah, B.A., P.C.S., in Kaḷugumalai, which runs thus:—

Text (5)

1. S'ri Kô-Māraṇjaçaiya [r]-
2. ku yaṇḍu irubattu-
3. muṇṇu [*] avv-aṇḍu Ma-
4. lai-nāṭṭu S'açaiyaṇ-
5. Kara[nḍa]r meṇ—paçai pô-
6. y Ariviūr—kkōṭṭai ⁽⁶⁾
7. alittu naṇṇu s'ey-
8. du paṭṭār Peruṇech-
9. chuṇṇattu Eṭṭimaṇ—
10. naṇ-āyina Maṇḡala Ê-

(3) Epigraphia Carnatica,

(4) Puraṇaṇḡu, Introduction by Mahāmahopādhyāya Svāminātha Ayyar, p. 2., and Vv. 127—136, 158, 240, 241, 374 and 375.

(5) From impressions prepared by me.

(6) Read Ariviūrkkōṭṭai. Mr. Venkayya in his An. Rep. on Epigraphy for the year 1908 reads this name as Ariviūrkkōṭṭai which is clearly wrong. This place is identified by Mr. T. Raghaviah with Ariyūr about 18 miles N. W. of Kaḷugumalai and 6 miles N. W. of S'ankaranāyanār-kōyil. "It is possible that this village was the site of a fort. It lies on the way to the mountain fastness of S'ivagiri and Sēttār, &c., on the Western ghats from Kaḷugumalai and S'ankaranāyanār-kōyil."

11. *ṇādi ul*—[vi] *ttuk*—*kōyl*—
12. *r*—*chēvagar* = *iruvar* [11*] *avaga* (7)
13. *lil*—*oruvan*—*Rōṇḍai*—
14. *nāṭṭu Pūṇḍamali Vi*—
15. *ṇaiyan*—*tolu*—*S'ūraṇ* [1*] *oruvā*—
16. *ṇ Pēreyirkuyich*(8) *Chāt*—
17. *ta* = *Nakkaṇ* *ivv* = *iruvarai* [yu]—
18. *ṇ* = *jārtti irubadin* = *kaḷa*—
19. *ṇju poṇ perum pūmi a*—
20. *ttik* = *kuḍu* [t*] *tāṇ Kummaṇa*—
21. *malaikallu Śavaiyār* [k*] *ku*
22. [ka] *ḷ patṭam*
23. *ē*..... *ṇādi*.

Translation

Ll. 1—2. The twenty-third year of (the reign of) the prosperous king *Māraṇḍaiyaṇ* (was current).

ll. 3—12. That year when the army marched against *S'āḍaiyaṇ*—*Karana* [nda] *r* of the *Malaiṇāḍu*, and destroyed the fort of *Ariviyūrkkōṭṭai*, two servants of *Eṭṭimannan* *alias* *Maṅgala Ēṇādi* (9) of *Perunechchuram* having done well (i.e., distinguished themselves) fell.

ll. 13—17. Of these, one (was) *Viṇaiyaṇ-tolu-S'ūraṇ* of *Pūṇḍamali* in the *Tōṇḍaināḍu*; the other, *S'āṭtan Nakkaṇ* of *Pēreyirkūḍi*.

ll. 17—23...... *Ēṇādi*..... gave to the assembly of *Kummaṇamalai-kallu*, a land worth twenty *kaḷaṇḍus* of gold, for the merit of (10) these two (deceased) persons. In this inscription the *Malaiṇāḍu* King is called *S'āḍaiyaṇ Karanandaṇ*; this double name indicates that *Karunandaṇ* was the son of *S'āḍaiyaṇ*. His *Pāṇḍya* contemporary was *Māraṇḍaiyaṇ*. From the *Huzur* office plates we know that his son *Karunandaḍakkaṇ* ascended the throne in *S' 777* (855-6 A.D.) therefore *Karunandaṇ*, his father, must have lived prior to 855 A.D. We know from other sources that *Varaṇḍa Mahārāja* (or *Pāṇḍya*) ascended the throne in 862 A. D.; the predecessor of *Varaṇḍa*, therefore, must be the *Pāṇḍya* contemporary of *S'āḍaiyaṇ Karunandaṇ*: the *Kaḷugumalai* inscription calls the former a *Māraṇḍaiyaṇ*. The *Kaḷugumalai* inscription informs us that this *Māraṇḍaiyaṇ* undertook an expedition in the 23rd year of his reign against the King of *Malaiṇāḍu* and destroyed the *Ariviyūrkkōṭṭai*.

The compound *Karunandaḍakkaṇ* is made up of *Karunandaṇ* and *Aḍakkaṇ* and means *Aḍakkaṇ*, son of *Karunandaṇ*. He ascended the throne, as we have already seen, in the year 855 A.D. He was the builder of the *Vishṇu* temple at *Pārthivas'ekharapuram*. He must be the contemporary of the *Pāṇḍya* king *Varaṇḍa*. The Sanskrit verse at the end of the *Huzur* Office plates informs us that *S'rivallabha* who was born to *Nanda* of the *Yādava* race, ennobled it, as the Lord of *S'ri*, that is, *Krishṇa*, did before. *Karunandaḍakkaṇ* therefore must have

(7) Read *avargalil*.

(8) Read *Pēreyirkūḍi*.

(9) *Ēṇādi* corresponds to the European knighthood. The recipient of this honour must be the commander of an army and must have distinguished himself in the battlefield. The king adorns such a worthy soldier with a signet ring and confers upon him the title of *Ēṇādi*. See the commentary on the 8 *Sūtra* of *Purattinaiyiyal*, *Poruḷadigāram*, *Tolkāppiyam*. Of the 63 *Saiva* devotees one was a *Ēṇādi* and was known as *Ēṇādi-nāyanār*.

(10) Literally, "for or in the name of", see foot-note 1, p. 135, *Ep. Ind.* Vol. VII.

borne the name S'rivalabha. Two of his officers were S'attan Murugaṇ *alias* Teṅga-nāḍu-kilavaṇ and S'ingaṇ Kunnappōlaṇ *alias* Omāyanaḍukilavaṇ.

From the facts discussed above we might draw the following table of Synchronism between the Pāṇḍyas and the Ays:—

<i>Ays.</i>	<i>Pāṇḍyas.</i>
1. S'aḍaiyaṇ	
2. Karunandan	Maraṇḍaiyaṇ
3. Aḍakkaṇ <i>alias</i> S'rivalabha	Varaḡaṇa Pāṇḍya (862 A. D.)
(855 A. D.)	

The inscription is interesting in several other ways. For instance, we see that when the king wanted some land for building a temple, he gradually acquired it by granting in exchange others; in this matter (as perhaps in all others) he does not conduct himself like the proverbial eastern despot by taking away the land whether the party wills or not. Again the rules for the study of the vēdas in the boarding school established by the king are, some of them, curious. It is stated, among other things, that misbehaviour among S'aṭṭars is punishable by fine and loss of meals in the S'alai; they shall not injure each other with weapons, nor shall they carry weapons within the places of congregation. Again, they shall not keep their concubines (or female servants) in their quarters. The document employs several words which are found in a few early Tamil works alone, e.g. *tuḍavai*, (a garden), *tuḍavar* (the Todas) etc.

The following are the names of places that occur in the inscription:—Muḍala-nāḍu, Pas'ungulaṁ, Miṇchirai. Polis'ūl-nāḍu, Kurattūr, S'engalaṇāḍu, Kuṇrattūr, Valluvanaḍu, Tenganāḍu, Viḷappil, Ilavēṇaṭṭunallūr, Paṇaiyūr, Omāyanaḍu, S'irumaṇṇūr, Minachchi S'irugundūr, Arumuṇai Aḍanūr, Māttūr, Paḍaippānāḍu, Pākkōḍu and Pāppigaikkōḍu. Of these Muḍalanāḍu takes its name from Miḍalam; Pas'ungulaṁ is the modern Paingulaṁ, a mile south of Parthivapuram. Miṇchirai is the modern Muṇjire two miles north of Parthivapuram. Polis'ūlnāḍu seems to derive its name from the ancient form of the modern Poliyūr. One of the inscriptions at Tirunandikkarai mentions the Rājaraḡa-ten-Valluvanaḍu; this is perhaps the Valluvanaḍu that is meant in our inscription. For, the inscription referred to above states that Muṭṭam (*mod*-Eraniel) which is not far from Parthivapuram was in the Valluvanaḍu. There is on the sea coast, very near Parthivapuram a place, named Tēṅga-paṭṭanam. Perhaps this village gave the name Tenganāḍu to the country round it. Minachchi is perhaps the modern Minachchil. An inscription in the Viṣṇu temple at Talaikkulaṁ mentions Paḍaippānāḍu, which seems to be somewhere near Eraniel. Viḷappil seems to be like all the places identified above, situated in South Travancore. I am not able to identify the rest of the places.

Text ⁽¹¹⁾.

First Plate: First Side.

1. ஸஹி ஸ்ரீ [||*] கலியுக்கோட்டுநாள் பதினெஞ் தூறுபிரத்து நாற்பத்து ஒன்பதி-
னாயிரத்து என்ப-
2. த்து ஏழு சென்றநாள் [||*] ஸஹி ஸ்ரீ [||*] கோக்கரு நந்தடக்கனுக்கு யாண்டு
ஒன்பது நாள் பதினைஞ்ச [||*] இ-
3. நநாளால் முடாலநாட்டுப் பசங்குளத்துப்படுநிலத்தில் முன்சிறைச்சவையாருடைய
உழக்குடி-

4. [வி]ளை என்னுநிலம் இவகளுக்கு அடிக்கடி நிலங்குடுத்து மாறிக்கொண்டு இந்நிலம் பிடிசு-
5. மூன்று ஸ்ரீகோயில் எடுத்து விஷ்ணுலட்சுமி கரை வுதிவெஷ செய்து வாத்திவ-
ஸெவரவாரடி எ-
6. ன்று பேர் இட்டு கார்தனார் உய்யு[?]யியால் தொண்ணூற்று ஐவர் சட்டர்க்குசா
லையுஞ் செய்தா-
7. ன் ஸ்ரீ கோக்கரு நந்தடக்கன் [II*] அகநாழிகைச்சென்னடைக்கு அட்டினபூமி
பொழிகுத் நாட்டு குராத்-

First Plate: Second Side.

8. தூரில் இடைக்குராத் தூர் வயலுங்கரையும் உண்ணிலம் ஒழிவின்றி மேற்பாதி மீதா
ட்சி உள்ளட-
9. க்க அட்டிந் குறித்தான் [II*] செங்கமுநாட்டு ஐம்மாக்கொல்லை மேற்கொல்லை வய
லுள் வெஞ்சைக்குளத்தின்
10. கீழ் வெஞ்சைப்பொறை தடி ஒன்றும் [I*] சாயறைக்கலம்பாடு தடி மூன்றும் [I*]
நெடும[?]குளத்தின் கீழ்-
11. ரியிறை தடி ஒன்றும் [I*] கொற்றனறை தடி ஒன்றும் [I*] குளவறை தடி ஒன்று-
ம் [I*] நீரறை தடி ஒன்-
12. று [I*] மாயிலறை தடி ஒன்றும் [I*] தலைவிலைச்செய் தடி இரண்டும் [I*] எருமை-
யறையுந் துடவர் இரண்டே-
13. ற்றித்தடி மூன்றும் [I*] பகைதொங்கன் தடி ஒன்றும் [I*] ஏற்றித்தடி பதினைஞ்சு
[I*] விதை மடைப்பள்ளி நா-
14. [ழி] யால் ஆயிரத்து இருநூற்று நாழியுங் காராண்மை மீதாட்சி உள்ளடங்க [உரு?]
அட்டிக்குடுத்தன [II*] வள்ளு.

Second Plate: First Side.

1. பணி குத்துக்காற் படாது செய்விப்பது [II*] அகநாழிகைப் பணிசெய்வார் படா
ரண ஆட்டப் பொழுதிந் பந்நிரு குடீராக முப்ப-
2. [த்த] று குடீர் குடுப்பது [II*] பூ இமுவான் குணந்த பூ இண்டையுமலையுங் கட
டிக் குறைவறக் குடுப்பது [II*] நொந்தாவிளக்கினுக்காக மெ-
3. துகின் மேற்பாற் கீழூரில் நெடுமண்ணென்னுந்தோட்டம் தென்னாட்டுக் கோனாயின
சடையந்தனிச் செய்கெ சந்ததி சந்த-
4. தியேய் கீழ்ப்பாதி அனுவிப்பதாகக் காரா [ண்] மபாகவு மேற்பாதி நந்தாவிள
க்கினுக்குமாக அட்டிக்குடுத்தான் [II*]
5. விழாப்புறமாக ஏழுநாடிருவிழாச்செய்து பங்குனி வியாகம்: ஆறுவதாகவும் [II*]
சட்டப்பெருமக்களும் பணிமக்க-
6. றும் ஏழுநாளும் படி இரட்டி ஆணியம் பெறுவதாகவு [II*] மற்றும் விழாவினுக்-
குவேண்டுவதுக்குமாக அட்டின பூ-
7. மி மெதுகின் மேற்பாதி கீழூர் பெருங்குளத்தின் கீழ் ஆதனறை இளவாதனறை
தலைத்துடவை மஞ்சாடி யரைப-
8. ணையறை செத்தறை தடி இரண்டேற்றித்தடி ஏழு [I*] விதை எண்ணூற்று நாற்-
பதினாழி [II*] இவை தென்னாட்டுக்கோனாயின[ச]-

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9. டையந்தனிச்செய்கை சந்ததி சந்ததியேய் போகத்துக்கும் பொலிக்கும் ஆயுவிக்கதி
ரேற்றி உடன்வாரம் நாற்கல-

Second Plate: Second Side.

10. னேய் எண்குறுணி ரெல்லுக்கொண்டு கீழ்பாதி காரண்மையாக உழுது ஆலிலை-
வாரம் ஊட்டுவதாக மேற்பாதி திருவிழாப்பு-
11. மமாக அட்டிக்குடுத்தன [II*] பணி மக்களுக்கு விருத்திக்காக அட்டின பூமி தெங்-
க நாட்டு விளப்பில் தலைவிளப்-
12. பில் பதினாழிக்காலால் எண்கல வித்துப்பாடும் இதனோடு செல்லுங்கரையுங்காரா
ண்மை மீதாட்சி உ-
13. ள்ளடங்க அட்டிக்குடுத்தன [II*] இந்நாட்டேய் இளவேணாட்டுநல்லூர் பதினாழிக்
காலால் எண்கல வித்து-
14. ப்பாடும் இதனோடு செல்லுங் கரையுங் காரண்மை மீதாட்சி ள்ளடங்க அட்டி-
க் குடுத்த-
15. ன [II*] இந்நாட்டேய் இடைநீர்க்கால் பணையூரும் பியலாறும் பதினாழிக்காலால்
எண்கல வித்துப்பா-
16. மும் இதனோடு செல்லுங் கரையுங் காரண்மை மீதாட்சி ள்ளடங்க அட்டிக்குத்
தன [II*] செங்கழுநாட்டு-
17. ப்பாறயில் சயவஞ்சரையின சாத்தஞ்சடையன் கீழ்ப்பாதி சாலாபோகமருசாதியி
னால்⁽¹²⁾ உழுது-

Third Plate: First Side.

1. ல் காஞ்சிரங்குளத்தின் கீழ் கீழப்பொறை தடி ஒன்று விதைகலம் [II*] செங்கழு
னுட்டிக் குன்றத்தாருடைய குமாரசுவாமி-
2. பட்டன் முடாலநாட்டுக்கீழ்குளத்து வயலுள்தான் பிரமதேயம் பெற்றுடைய நிலத்
தில் அட்டினபூமி கடலங்குளத்தா-
3. லும் இலைஞ்சக்குளத்தாலும் நீர் பெறுவன எருவிச்செய் தடி ஏழு [I*] விதை பதி
னாழிக்காலால் இருகலம் [II*] ஓமாயனாட்-
4. டுச்சிறுமண்ணூர் இளையான் கண்டன் தாங்கள் கீழ்ப்பாதி உழுதுட்டுவதாக அட்
டின பூமி சிறும-
5. ண்ணூர் பொன்னறைக்கலம் பாட்டு வயலுள் பொன்னறை தடி ஒன்று [I*] விதை
கலனேய் தூணி ஏற்றிப்ப-
6. ணி மக்களுக்கு விருத்திக்காக அட்டி முதலாயின பூமி முப்பத்தெண்கலனையிரு-
கு [II*] ணி [II*] இதனுள் சாந்தி செய்வானு-
7. க்கு விருத்திக்காக அடுத்த பூமி மீனச்சிச்சிறு குன்றோர்⁽¹³⁾ குளத்தின் கீழ் குரு-
ந்தறை பரணியறை பலாவனறைக்கலம்பா-

Third Plate: Second Side.

8. டு [புளி] யறைக்கலம்பாடு.....யறைக்கலம்பாடு ஊற்றுத்தடி ஆயினியறை ஏற்
றித்தடி பத்து [I*] விதை....[முப்பத்].....

(12) A corrupt form of *maryāda* or *maryādai*, see Pl. IV, l. 1, where the word occurs once again.

(13) Is it குன்றோர்?

9. [ட்டு]க்க சிா...ப[ன்னிரு] கு[று*]ணியும் சிறுகொல் கீழ்ப்பொறை விதை கலமும் ஏற்றி ஐங் [கலனே] ய் பந்நிருகு-
10. [று*] ணிப்பாடும் [குடு] த்தன [II*] அகநாழிப்பணி நாலுக்குமாக நயானஞ்சுவா னுக்குக்குமாங்கண்டனுக்கும் [உருத்திர].....
11.எண்கல விதைப்பாடும் இதே[னாடு] செல்லுங்கரையும் அட்டிக்குடித்தது [II*] வணுகாவு- (14.)
12. [ந்] தெளிப்பானுக்கு, தெதிக்கிழகுளத்து எருவிச்செய் தடி ஏழு[II*] விதை இருகல மும் அடுத்தன[II*] பூ இடுவான் ஒரு-
13. வனுக்கு விருத்தி [I*] [அரு]முனை ஆதனார் வயலுள் படைப்பறைம் [ருண]றை மாத்தூ[ர்] வயலுள் பாயறையிற் கிழக்கி-
14. ன் [கூ]றும் ஏற்றி விதை இருகலமும் அடுத்தன [II*] தட்டழி மத்தளி கரடிகை தாளங் காகளம் ஏற்றி எட்டுப்பணி-

Fourth Plate : First Side.

1. மாயநாட்டாரும் செங்கழுநாட்டாரு முடாலநாட்டாரும் படைப்பாநாட்டாரும் வ-
ள்ளுவநாட்டாரும் அறமருசாதிகாக்கும்^(15.) பரிசினு-
2. ந்காப்பது [II*] இச்சாலைக்குப் பெய்தகலத்தில் பவிழிய சரணத்தார் உடைய கலம்
நாற்பத்-
3. தைந்து [II*] தயித்திரியச் சரணத்தார் உடைய கலமுப்பத்தாறு [II*] தலவகார
சரணத்தார் உடைய
4. கலம் பதினாறு [II*] இனிவருங்கலமுன்று சரணத்தார்க்கும் ஒப்பது [II*] புவெ
ஸாககஞ் செய்யு-
5. ம் பரிசு வையாகரண மீமாயப்புரோஹிதப்புன்பாய் புவிநூம் இலன் தெனா
ஜு வுவுவமா-
6. ரத்துக்கு வேண்டும் ஒத்துடையன் இது வுதும் என்று ஐவர் சட்டரைக்கொண்டு
பஞ்சக்க-
7. ஞ்செய்தான் புகவுபெறுவான் [II*] வாரம் ஒதும் பரிசு சூத்திரத்திலுஞ் சூத்திரா
ணத்தி-

Fourth Plate : Second Side.

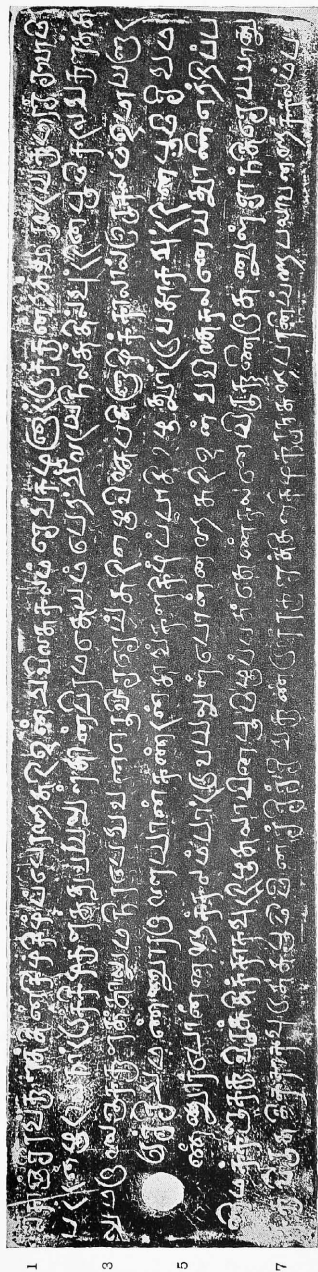
8. வந்துருச்சொல்லி ஒன்பது புகவினில் இரண்டு கிரமவாரம் அடுத்தோதுவது ^(15a)
[II*] சாகையிலுங்-
9. கற்பத்திலுங் கணத்திலுந்துருச் சொல்லி ஒன்பது புகவினில் இரண்டு வாரம் அடுத்
தோதுவது [II*] நா-

(14) Read *pañchagavyam*.

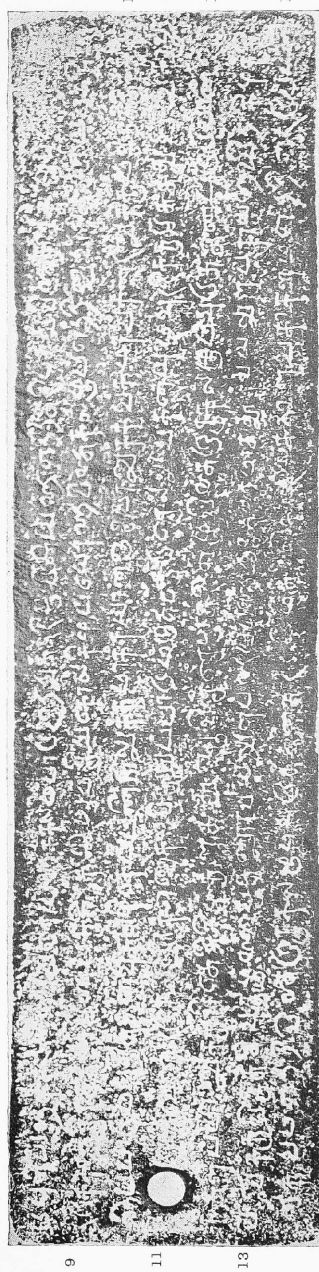
(15) Cf. l. 17, Pl. II, b.

(15a) A passage similar to this occurs in an inscription in the Śrīmālanāthasvāmī temple at Mēlappālayam, a suburb of Ambāsamudram: it runs thus:— வுதூ ஸ்ரீ சோழன்றலை கொண்ட கோவீர பாண்டியற்கு யாண்டு நாலு இதனெதிர் நாலு இவ்வாண்டு முள்ளிகாட்டு பட்டிரம்மதேயம் இளங் கோய்க் குடித்திருச்சாலைத் துறைநின்றருளின எம்பெருமானுக்கு ஸ்ரீ கரணத் திருச்சித்திரகூடத்திலிருந்து முப்பத்திரண்டு அச்சைஉம் ஐஞ்சு வாரமுமோதி தானம் புக்கார் தன்[கோ?] சோதிநான்மை காட்டுன்பதாக

III. a.



III. b.



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10. லுபாதத்திலுந் துருச்சொல்லி ஒன்பது புகவினில் அகத்துஹத்தில் இரண்டு வராம் அடுத்தோது.
11. வது [II*] முக்கால் வட்டத்துவைத்து ஒரு சட்டனை ஒரு சட்டன் பிழைக்கப் பேசு-வானுயில் பெருமக்க-
12. றுக்கு அஞ்சகாணம் பொன்றண்டம் இட்டுச்சாலை உண்பது [II*] குட்டுவானுயில் ஒரு காச தண்டம் இட்டு சாலை-
13. உண்பது [II*] குட்டுண்டானும் அஞ்ச காணம் பொன்றண்டம் இட்டு சாலை உண்பது [II*] படைக்கலத்தால் புண்செ-
14. ய்தான் அறத்துக்குப் புறத்தவையு [II*] சட்டர் படைக்கலம் பிடித்துக் குட்டத்துக்கு செல்லப் பெறார் [II*] சட்ட-

Fifth Plate : First Side.

1. . . யிலகப்பட்ட எச்சுது முக்கால் வட்டத்திருந்து பொரப்பெறார் [II*] பொருவார் அந் தைக்கலம் இழப்பது [II*] சட்டர் வெ[ள்]-
2. ளாட்டிகளை மடத்தில் வைத்துக்கொள்ளப்பெறார் [II*] சாலாபேகமூர் தேவதானமும் சத்திமுகம் இன்றி விலக்கப் பெறார் [II*] வில-
3. க்ருவார் மெய்வேற்றுவகை ⁽¹⁶⁾ ஐங்கழைந்து ⁽¹⁷⁾ பொன் தண்டம் இட்டன்றிச் சாலை உண்ணப்பெறார் [II*] சாலாபேகத்திலுந் தேவ-
4. தானத்திலு[ங்]குடிபை வலியக்கொண்ட முதல் ஒன்றுக்குப்பத்தாகக் குடுப்பது [II*] சவைக்கடமை கடவார் பக்க-
5. ல் மூன்று சாணத்திலு மூவர் சென்று புக்கது பாடாவது [II*] பாடு[ப்]போகல் ஐம் பத்துநாலு காணம் பொந்த-
6. ண்டமும் பட்டு கடமையுங் குடுப்பது [II*] தேவர் சென்னடையும் பதினாழிச்சாலையும் எவ்வழக்கு சொல்லியும் வி-
7. லக்கப்பெறார் [II*] விலக்குவார் நி[ய]தி கழஞ்சு பொந்தண்டம் இட்டன்றிச்சாலை உண்ப்பெறார் [II*] பணிமக்கள் சட்டரை-
8. ப்பிழைக்கப் பேசுவார் ஒருகாச தண்டப்படுவது [II*] இப்பரிசு தெங்கநாட்டு வெண்ணீர் வெள்ளானன் தெங்கநாடுகிழவ-

Fifth Plate : Second Side.

9. खसि श्रीः । [II*] वृद्धिम् प्राप्य यशोदयोपज[नि]तान्नयन्नन्दन्नतिम् वंशं यादव मप्यवा-
10. धमखिलं गोमाडलम् पालय [II*] संम[क्ति]द्विजराजवर्द्धितगु-
11. रप्रीतिर्वलिखंसनीम् विकान्तिम् परिवृह्यन्दिशतु वः श्री-
12. वल्लभो मंगलम् II—
13. னுயின சாத்தமுருகன் ஆணத்தியாக ஓமாயனாட்டுப்பா கோட்டுப்பாப்பிகைகோட்டு திரையன் ஓமாயனாடு கிழவ-
14. னுயின கிங்கக்குன்றப்போமூன் எடுத்து [II*] ஹலி மூ [II*]

(16) Read வெவ்வேற்று வகை.

(17) Kalaindu is perhaps another form of the Tamil word Kalāṇḍu.

Translation

Hail Prosperity! The fourteen hundred-thousand,⁽¹⁸⁾ forty nine thousand and eighty-seventh day having expired after the beginning of the Kali Yuga. Hail Prosperity! The fifteenth day of the ninth year of (the reign of) the king Karunandaḍakkaṇ (being current): on this day, having acquired gradually from the Sabha of Miñchirai, by granting other lands in exchange for the (plot of) land known as Uḷakkuḍiḷai which belonged to them; letting (loose) an elephant round the land (for marking its boundary)⁽²⁰⁾; raising on it a beautiful temple; setting in the temple (the image of) Vishṇubhaṭṭāraka and calling (the village) Parthivas'ekharapuram, the King S'ri Karunandaḍakkaṇ made (established), in conformity with the rules⁽²¹⁾ of Kāndaḷūr, a *s'ālai*⁽²²⁾ for ninety-five *s'aṭṭars*.

The lands that are granted for the expenses of the temple⁽²³⁾ are:—(the village of) Iḍaikkurattūr in the Kurattūr-naḍu belonging to the Polisūl-naḍu, without any exclusion of the lands comprised in it, together with the taxes including the *mērpādi*⁽²⁴⁾ and *mīdāṭchi*; ⁽²⁵⁾ Veñjaipporai (of the extent of) one *taḍi*, situated in the Mērkollaivayal under the Veñjaikkulam, in the Aimmakkollai belonging to the S'engalunaḍu, ⁽²⁶⁾ S'āyayai (having the capacity to grow) three *kalam*s (of seed)⁽²⁷⁾ and of (the extent of a *taḍi*; Nariyayai (of) one *taḍi*, under the Neḍungulam (tank); Korraṇayai, (of) one *taḍi*; Kuḷavayai (of) one *taḍi*; Niraṇayai (of) one *taḍi*; Māyilayai (of) one *taḍi*; Talaivilaichey (of) two *taḍis*; Erumaiyayai, together with the two

(18) The Tamil expression for a lakh.

(19) *Kōḍu* generally means a long bent article, such as a horn, a branch of a tree, a curved trumpet, etc., and the summit of a mountain. It is also employed to mean a limit, boundary, etc. It is in this last sense that the word seems to have been used here; it has been rendered here as the beginning (or the limit) of the Kali Yuga.

(20) This is an ancient custom, in which a she-elephant is let loose; as it wanders about and finally returns home, the route traced by it is marked and the area included in it is granted for some charitable purpose. Compare, “*Karintiparikramana-vispashṭa-simā-chatusṭayam*” in l. 85 and “*piḍi sūḷṇdu piḍḍagai naḍandu ellai terittu*” in ll. 175 and 339 of the large Leiden grant, “*piḍinaḍatta-piḍi naḍandaḍaḍikkku aravḷalai seydu*” in l. 1, V b, and, *muṇbu tuḍangiṇav=iḍattilpiḍi niṇṇadu*” in l. 12, XI. b, of the Tiruppūvāpam grant.

(21) The term *maryāda* means *limit, boundary, custom or a rule of society*. The phrase *Kāndaḷūr-maryāḍai* is employed in some other inscriptions also.

(22) *Sālai* means a public institution of a charitable nature; e. g., *aṛachūḷai*, a feeding house, *āṭalar sālai*, an asylum for indigent persons, etc. compare, “*திருவழுந்தூர் காட்டுத் தேஜர் தேஜருடையார் வெளாந்து உஜைது [௨] திரியாசை விராடராசர் செய்வித்த ஆதலசாலைக்கு*” (Tiruppugalūr) “*செற்குன்றத்து செற்குன்றக்கிழார் அரயர் கருவுணைகரணை கன்பாளராஜர் செய்வித்த சாலைக்கு.....இச்சாலை உண்கைக்கு சூயநகுதாரம் பூராஹ்ணர் பங்கிருவர் உண்கைக்கு இறைவிசெய்து குடுத்த.....*” (Ibid). It is the *tadbhava* of Sans. *Sāla*.

(23) *Aganḍiḷgai* is the same as *Uṇṇiḷgai* of the East Coast. It appears to mean the central shrine; for, compare “*இத்தேவர் திருவுண்ணுறிகையில் மெல்லுபுரு ஹத்தில் நின்று வஞ்ஞாழிபு [௨] ல் இரவும் பகலும் நீயதம் உரியசெய்யால் முட்டாமே எரிவதாக வைச்ச திருகொந்தா விளக்கு ஒன்று*” (Suchindram). *Tiruvuṇṇiḷgai=grādakṣhaṇam* means the innermost circuit in the temple.

(24) The produce of land seems to have been divided into two halves, the *mērpādi* and the *Kiḷpādi*, perhaps divided between the landlord and the tenant. In the Tanjore and Trichinopoly district there occur the terms *mēlvāram*; *kuḍivāram*, &c.

(25) *Mīdāṭchi* is a variant of *Miyāṭchi* and means literally *ruling over*: perhaps it means the *overlordship* of the land.

(26) In a fragmentary inscription at Muttaḷakkurichchi there occurs a mention of this *naḍu*.

(27) This is a method of expressing the extent of land commonly occurring in the Tinnevely District and the Travancore State. The quantity of seed that could be sown gives the measure, but it must vary with the fertility of the soil. Hence in all the instances mentioned in our record, the extent as expressed in terms of the *taḍi* (the actual linear and square measure) differs from that of the seed-growing standard in several instances.

(*taḍis*) of Tuḍavar, (28) three *taḍis*; Paḡaitoṅḡaṇ, one *taḍi*; altogether, (29) *taḍis* fifteen, (30) and (of capacity to grow) one thousand and two hundred of the *nāḷis* used in the temple kitchen; (this extent of land) was granted inclusive of the *kārāṇmai* (31) and *mīdāṭchi*. In Vaḷḷuvanaḍu.....

The business shall be done without obstruction. Those that serve in the *adytum* (*aganāḷigai*) shall bring for bathing the Bhaṭṭarar thirty-six pots of water, at the rate of twelve each time (of the day).

The supplier of flowers shall do up the flowers he brings, into *iṇḍai* and *mālai*, (32) and shall supply them without any deficiency. S'aḍaiyaṇ Tanichehege *alias* Teṇṇāttukkōṇ, who has (taken up) the enjoyment of the *kārāṇmai*, and *kūlpādi* for generation after generation, (that is, perpetually) of the garden named Neḷumaṇ in Kūḷur situated on the west of Medugu, granted its *Kārāṇmai*, and *mērpādi* for burning the perpetual lamps.

In the matter of the festival, having celebrated the same for seven days, (the god) shall be bathed on the *Viyāgam* (33) of (the month of) Paṅguṇi. The elders (or the chief men) among the S'aṭṭars and the servants shall, during these seven days, receive double remuneration. (34) Again, the lands of (the extent of) seven *taḍis* and of (the growing capacity of) eight hundred and forty *nāḷis* of seed, assigned for the expenses of the festival are, Aḍaṇarai, Iḷavāḍaṇarai, Talaiṭṭuḍavai, (35) Maṇḷāḍiyarai, Paṇaiyarai together with the two *taḍis* of S'eṭṭarai, (36)

(28) *Tuḍavar* is the name of a race of people supposed to be the same as the *Todas* of the Nilgiris. This name occurs in the *Tirovaiyyāru Purāṇam*, &c.

(29). The word *ēṇṇi* means, *increased* by, hence rendered as meaning the total, or the aggregate of all lands.

(30) The total is arrived thus :—

No.	Land.	<i>Taḍi</i> .
1.	வெஞ்சைப்பொறை.	1.
2.	சாயறை.	3.
3.	நரியறை.	1.
4.	கொற்றனறை.	1.
5.	சூளவறை.	1.
6.	நீரறை.	1.
7.	மாயிலறை.	1
8.	தலைவிலைச்செய்.	2.
9.	எருமைமயறை.	3.
10.	பகைதொங்கன்.	1.

Total *taḍis* 15.

(31) *Kārāḷar* = tenants who hold the land for a long series of years; so, possessors of freehold lands. *Kārāṇmai* = the office of *kārāḷan*. (Gundert).

(32) *Iṇḍai* is a short circular garland worn round on the head; *mālai* is the garland that is hung round the neck.

(33) This is the Tamil form of *Viśākham*.

(34) The meaning of the word *āṇiyam* is not known. It seems to mean pay or remuneration.

(35) *Tuḍavai* = a garden: cf. v. 13, *Tirunāḷaiṭṭōvār Purāṇam*, in the *Periyapurāṇam*, wherein the phrase *paṇaiṭṭuḍavai* meaning the land granted to the persons who sound *ṭaṇṭai* (a drum) is used.

(36) *Ṣeṭṭarai* = the *ārai* of the *Ṣe* tree. It is curious to note that the names Maṇḷāḍiyarai, Paṇaiyarai and *Ṣeṭṭarai* are named after the Maṇḷāḍi, the Paḡai and the *Ṣe* trees.

all situated under the big tank in Kilûr, belonging to the west half of Medugu. These (plots of land) were granted for the expenses of the festival by S'adaiaṇ Taṇichebeygai, *alias* Teṇṇāṭṭukkōṇ, who had assumed their management hereditarily; he was to have for *bhogam* and interest the *uḍaṇvāram* of four *kalam*s and eight *kurūni* of paddy from any crop that is raised on them (37) the *kilpādi* being taken as *kārāṇmai* and the *mērpādi* as *āḷilāvāram*(38).

The lands granted for the pay of the servants :—(The plot of land called) Talaivilappil in (the village of) Vilappil belonging to the Tēṅṅanaḍu, which grows eight *kalam*s of seed, together with the land tax, *kārāṇmai* and *midāṭchi* which go with these (lands)—all included, was granted. In the same *nāḍu*, Ilavēṇāṭṭunallûr, growing seeds measuring eight *kalam*s composed of sixteen *nāḷis* each, the land tax, (39). *Kārāṇmai*, *midāṭchi* which go with these (lands),—all included was granted. In the same *nāḍu*, Idainirikkāl, Paṇṇaiyûr and Piyalaṅṅu growing seeds measuring eight *kalam*s of sixteen *nāḷis* each, the land tax, *kārāṇmai*, and *midāṭchi* which go with these (lands),—all these included was granted. Jayavaṇjaraṇ *alias* S'attāṇ S'adaiaṇ of Paṇṇaiyil in the S'eṅgaḷu nāḍu, who. . . cultivating the land for *kilpādi*, according to the rules of S'ālābhōgam. . . .

. . . Kilapporai under the Kaṇṇirankuḷam tank, one *taḍi* and one *kalam*. Among the lands, which Kumārasvāmibhaṭṭaṇ of Kunṇattûr in S'eṅgaḷu nāḍu had received as brahmadēyam, the (following) pieces were granted :—

Eruvichey of seven *taḍis* and two *kalam*s of sixteen *nāḷis* each, which is watered by the Kaḍalangūḷam and the Ilaijakkūḷam tanks. The land, which Ilaiyāṇ Kaṇḍan of Sirumaṇṇûr in the Ōmayanaḍu, granted under the condition that they (himself and his descendants) would cultivate the lands for *kilpādi*, was Poṇṇarai of one *taḍi* and of a *kalam* and *tiṇi* seed, belonging to the Poṇṇarai field situated in the Sirumaṇṇûru; thus making a total of thirty-eight *kalam*s and two *kurūnis* of land; and these were given for the pay of the servants.

In this (land), for the pay of the officiating priest were given the (pieces of) land called Kurundaṇṇai, Paraṇṇiyaṇṇai, Palāvaṇṇai of one *kalam* seed, situated under the tank belonging to the people of S'irugaṇḍûr near Miṇachchi: Puliyaṇṇai of one *kalam* seed.....; Āyiniyaṇṇai total, *taḍis* ten and seeds.....

For the performance of the four (kinds of) services in the *adytum*, to Iyāṇ = Aṇjuvāṇ, Kumaraṇ Kaṇḍan, Uruttiran.....eight *kalam*s seed, including the land tax, was granted. To him who sprinkles the paṇchagavya..... (40)Eruvichey of *taḍis* seven and seeds two *kalam*s was granted.

For the pay of the person supplying flowers, in the Arumuṇai Āḍaṇûr field..... in the Māttûr field, the eastern portion of Parāyaṇṇai; total, seeds two *kalam*s (of...land) were granted.

To those that perform the eight services, including the (sounding of) *taṭṭali*, *maddali*, *karāḍikal*, *tāḷam* and *Kakāḷam*.....

The people of [Ō] māyanaḍu, the Siṅgaḷu nāḍu, the Muḍalaṇaḍu, the Paḍaippaṇaḍu and of the Vaḷḷuvaṇaḍu shall protect (these lands) according to the rules of (or governing) charitable institutions.

(37) The meaning of *āyuvikkadiriṇṇi* is not clear and the translation therefore is tentative only.

(38) *Āḷilāvaram* is another word whose meaning is not also clear.

(39) *Korai* means the tax on land; *karaiyāḷan*, the man collecting the taxes.

(40) *Paṇchagavya*, the five products of the cow: *viz.*, milk, butter, curds, urine and dung.

Of the seats established in this Śālai, the members of the Paviliya charaṇa have forty-five; the members of the Tayittiriya charaṇa have thirty-six; those of the Talavakāra charaṇa have fourteen. The remaining seats are common to the three charaṇas.(41)

The conditions for entrance (into the School): having a knowledge of Vyākaraṇa, Mīmāṃsa and Paurōhitya, being free of *pūviśram* (?), possessing the learning necessary for the affairs of the three kingdoms (?), and is able to get five *śaṭṭars* to certify that it is true (that he possesses all these qualifications), one will get admission.(42)

If a *Śaṭṭaṇ* uses abusive language to another *śaṭṭaṇ* within the temple, the former shall, only after paying a fine of five *kāṇams* of gold to the elders (or chief men among the *Śaṭṭars*), eat in the *śālai*. If one *śaṭṭaṇ* strikes another, a fine of a *kāśu* should be paid before he takes his meals in the *śālai*. The one that is struck shall also pay a fine of five *kāṇams* of gold before he takes his meals. He that causes injury to another with any weapon shall be thrown out of the *śālai*. The *śaṭṭars* shall not go to places of meeting (44) with any offensive weapons about them.

The conditions (or mode) of studying *vāram*. In the *Sūtras* and *Sūtrāraṇas*, repeating in nine *pugavus*, the two *kramavārams* have to be studied alternately. In the *Sākha*, the *kaṇṇa* and the *gaṇa*, repeating in nine *pugavus*, two *vārams* have to be studied alternately. Repeating all the four *pādas* in nine *pugavus*, two *vārams* in *agattāham* (?) (43) have to be studied alternately.

...no kind of deceit shall be practised in the precincts of the temple. Those that quarrel shall lose that day's meals. *Śaṭṭars* shall not be permitted to keep their concubines in their houses. No one shall estrange the *śālābhogam* and the *dēvadānam* (property) without the royal order.(45) Those that do so, shall be subject to a fine individually of five *kaṇāñjus* of gold before paying which they are not eligible to mess in the *Śālai*. The amount collected by coercion from the tenants of the *Śālābhogam* and *dēvadānam* should be restored tenfold. In the case of those that owe the taxes to the *Sabha*, shall be bound down by the decision arrived at by three *śaṭṭars* representing the three *charaṇas*. If not, the tax shall have to be paid with a fine of fifty-four *kāṇams* of gold. No one shall on any account stop the (daily routine of the) central shrine and the *śālai* of fourteen *naṭis* (?). Those that stop them shall eat in the *śālai* only after paying a fine daily of a *kaṇāñju*. The servants who speak insultingly to the *śaṭṭars* shall become subject to a fine of one *kāśu*.

These arrangements were made by the *ājñapti* of *Śaṭṭaṇ* Murugaṇ *alias* Tenganāḍu-kilavaṇ, a *venṇiṇ* Vellāla, by *Śingaraṇ* Kuṇṇappōḷaṇ *alias* Tiraiyaṇ Ōmāyanāḍu-kilavaṇ of Pappigaikkōḍu in Pakkōḍu situated in the Ōmāyanāḍu; (this is) the writing (of the latter).

(41) These are the names of the important sections of the Vēdas and are applied to the whole of them. Nachchinārkkīṇiyār, the great Tamil commentator thinks that they are the names which were applied before Vēdayāsa rearranged the Vēdas and called them by the present name. He writes, “நான்கு கூறுமாய் மறைந்த பொருளுமுடைமையால் நான்மறை என்றார். அவைகைத்திரியமும், பொளிகமும், தலவகாரமும், சாமவேதமுமாகும். இனி, இருக்கும், எசவும், சாமமும், அதர்வணமும் என்பாருமுனர். அதுபொருந்தாது. இவை இந்துல் செய்த பின்னர் வேதவியாதர் சின்னூடல்பவிணி சிற்றறிவினோர் உணர்வதற்கு நான்கு கூறாய் இவற்றைச்செய்தாராதலின் பொருந்தாது.” தொல்காப்பியம், சிறப்புப்பாயிரம், நச்சினுர்க்குரியார். ப. 10.

(42) *Pañchakṣam* literally means consisting of five. Compare *pañchāyat*.

(44) *Kuṭṭam* is a place of meeting; *avaṭṭikuṭṭam* occurs in *Nāṇmayikkāḍigai*.

(43) The meaning of the whole of this passage is not clear and hence the translation is only tentative. *Āham* is a technical term belonging to *Sāma-vēda*.

(45) *Sattimukam* is composed perhaps of *Sastam* (praised) and *mukham* (a letter) of *Śrīmukham*.

Hail Prosperity! Having obtained success (or advancement) generated by his glory and compassion and having exalted Nanda and the Yādava family, ruling the globe unobstructed (or free from trouble) and increasing his renown which crushes his powerful (foes), may Śrīvallabha, whose reverence towards his *gurus* (Brāhmanas) is augmented by the princes among Brāhmanas, who were devoted to him, grant us prosperity.†)

Hail Prosperity! Born and nurtured by Yāsōda, having exalted Nanda and the Yādava race, protecting the whole multitude of cows from troubles, increasing the love of the king among birds (Garuḍa) who was attached to his master (*i.e.* Kṛishṇa) and augmenting his glory which destroyed Bali, may that Śrī-Vallabha (Lord of Śrī) grant us prosperity.

NO. 2. TIRUVIDAIKKODU INSCRIPTION OF KŌKKARUNANDADAKKAR.

The following inscription is engraved on a small rock in South prakāra of the Siva temple at Tiruviḍaikkōḍu. Though the record is not well preserved, a large portion of it could be easily deciphered. The alphabet employed is Vaṭṭeluttu of the archaic type and the language is Tamil. The orthography demands no special attention.

The inscription is dated the twelfth year opposite the second of the reign of the king Karunandaḍakkara and records the gift of twenty-five cows by a private person for maintaining a perpetual lamp.

Text (1)

1. ஸுவா ஸு [II*] கோக்கருந்நந்தடக்க [ந்]கு
2. ச்செல்லாநின்ற யாண்டு இரண்டு இத-
3. னெதிர் பன்னிரண்டு இவ்வாண்டு திருவிடைக்கோ-
4. ட்டு மாதேவர்க்கு [தி]ருநொந்தாவிளக்கு
5. நியதிப்படி எரிவதாக செழிய-
6. ந்தஉழக்கு நெய் அட்டுவதாக ஊ-
7. ரும் இண்.....சு [ளு]ம் உள்ளிருக்க சடை...
8. இவன் பணிக்கையில் விட்டபசு
9. சாகாமுவாப்பே [ரு*] ருவாக அட்டின பசு
10. இருப்பத்தஞ்சு [II*] முகுளத்து யா.....
11. ன் புல்லமுருகனும்

Translation

Ll. 1—3. Hail Prosperity! The year twelve, opposite to the second year of the reign of Kōkkarunandaḍakkara was current.

Ll. 3—11. This year, when the townsmen and...were assembled, by the order of Saḍai [yan] twenty-five big sized cows, which neither die nor become old, (2) were given by Seliyanda...for the purpose of burning at the rate of a *uḷakku* of ghee per day, a perpetual lamp, before the Mādēva of Tiruviḍaikkōḍu. Mukulattu Yā.....and Pulla-Murugaṇ.....

† This is as applied to the king Śrīvallabha. (*) This is as applied to Kṛishṇa, the lord of Śrī.

(1) From impressions prepared by my copyists.

(2) The cows do not die because they multiply and therefore the number shall remain not less than 25, and they do not become old, also for the same reason. Though the identical ones may die, the number and quality remain the same.

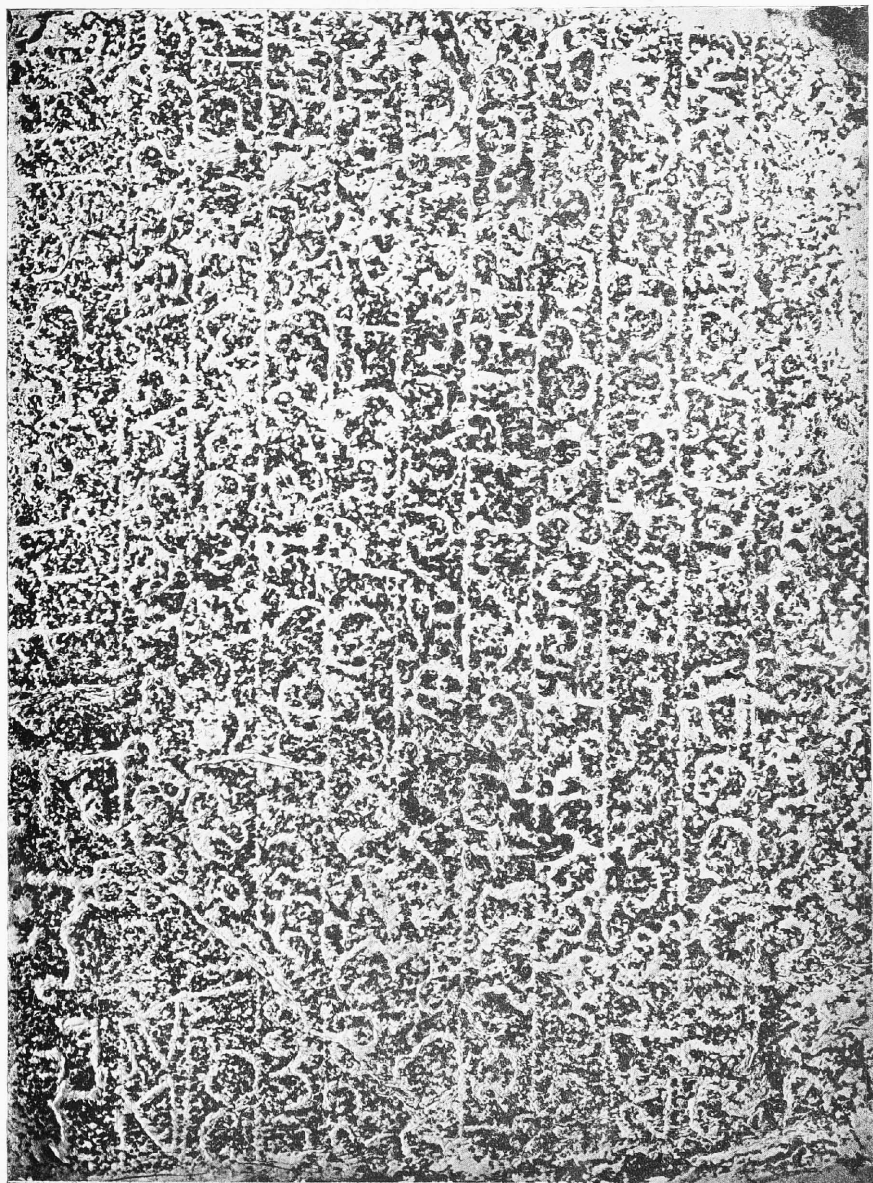
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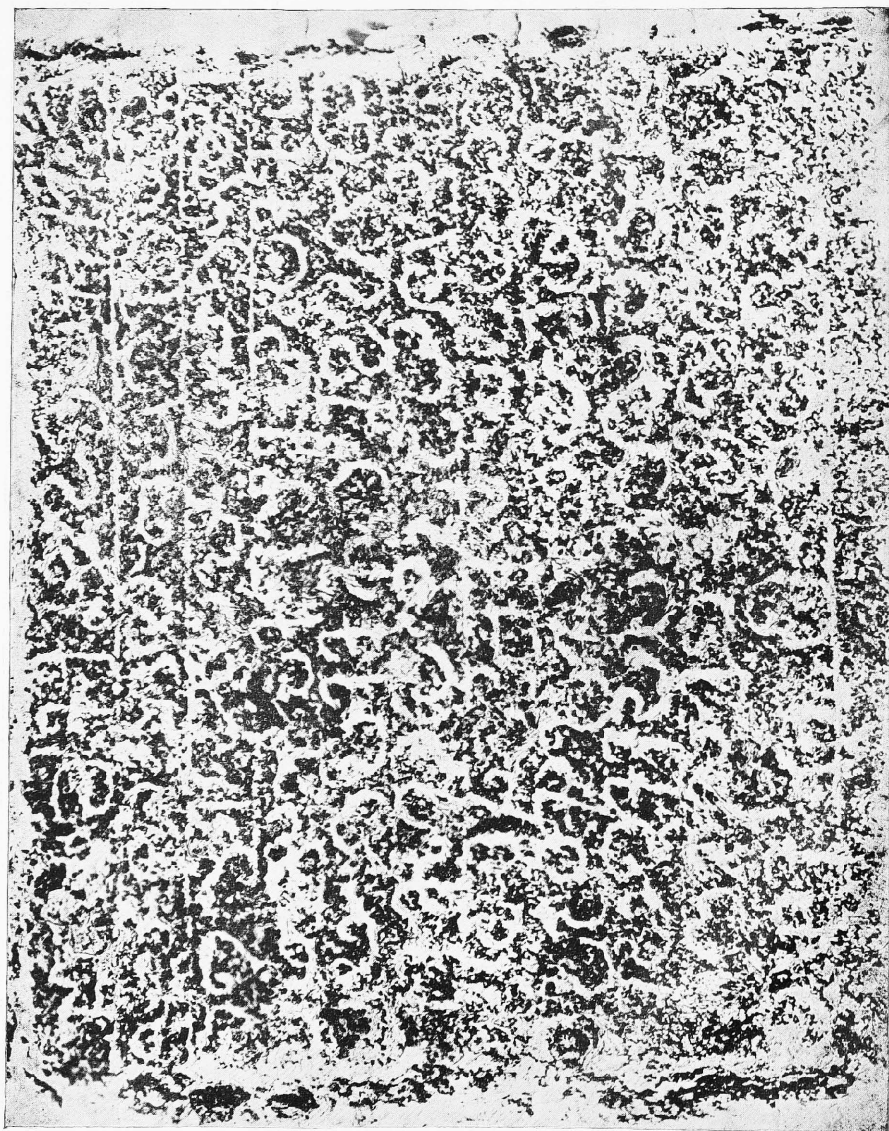
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NO. 3. A SECOND INSCRIPTION AT TIRUVIDAĪKKĒDU OF
KĒKKARUNANDADAKKAR.

This epigraph is also found on the same rock as the first and is written in the same kind of Vatteluttu alphabet as the other. The language of the record is also Tamil. The preservation of the inscription is very bad. The portions giving the name and the regal year of the king are not worn out. The inscription is dated the twentieth year opposite the second of Kōkkarunadaḍakkar and records the gift of a perpetual lamp to the Mahādēva of the temple.

Text (1)

1. வஹி பூ [||*] கோக்கரு நந்தைக்கர்க்கு செ-
வ து
2. ஸ்லாநின்ற யாண்டு இரண்டு இ-
3. தனெதிர் [இ]ருபது இவ்வாண்டு பிர-
4. ட்டாசி திங்கள் திருவிடைக்கோட்-
5. [டு] மாதேவற்கு திருந்தாவி-
6. ளக்கு நியதிப்படி யுழக்கு-
7. நெயெரி.....

Translation

Hail Prosperity! The twentieth year opposite to the second of the reign of Kōkkarunadaḍakkar. This year, in the month of Pirattāsi for burning a perpetual lamp, at the rate of a *ulakku* a day, before the Mahādēva of Tiruvidāikkōḍu.

(1) From impressions prepared by my copyists.

The Huzur Office Plate of Vikramaditya Varaguna

The copper-plate on which the subjoined inscription is engraved was found in Huzur Cutchery of Trivandram along with a few others. No one knows when it came there.

The plate is 14.5" long and slightly less than 2.75" broad, its ends are shaped thicker and it is engraved on both sides. The letters are cut deeply and beautifully and the record on the whole is very well preserved; but the plate is broken slightly at the right end of it; therefore, four or five letters of each line of the first side are lost; but it is in some cases easy to make them out from the context. The plate has a hole on the left side but it does not seem to have possessed a ring. The language of the inscription is Tamil and is written in Tamil characters; the Sanskrit words *Śvasti*, *Śrī*, *Vikrāmaditya Varaguna*, *Pārthivaśekharaapuram* and *rākshābhōgam* are written in the Grantha alphabet. The *pulli* or the symbol of *virāma* is marked in nearly half the number of cases in which it is required and in the rest of the cases it is omitted. There are a few orthographical peculiarities to be noted: the vowel *ai* resembles the Grantha consonant *ba*; e.g., *aingala* in ll. 4 and 5; as in other old inscriptions, distinction is made between the secondary *ā* and *r* by making the latter of double the length of the former. The secondary *ai* is, in all cases, represented by two secondary *e* symbols; e.g., *karai* in ll. 1 and 6, *Śendiyai* in l. 2; *vidai* in ll. 3 and 4, 5 and 8, *paḍinai* in l. 3; *idai* in l. 5; *ṇalai* in l. 6; *pulai* in l. 6. The letter *ṇā* is formed, unlike in the usual manner, by the addition of a secondary *ā* symbol; e.g., *Śenganāvan*, in l. 3. The consonant *pu* is also written slightly differently, the secondary *u* being a curved line beginning from the middle of the bottom stroke of the consonant *p*, somewhat resembling the *Nāgari* secondary *u* symbol; e.g., *pullēl* in l. 4 and *pulai* in l. 6.

The record belongs to the **eighth** year of the reign of the king named **Vikrāmaditya Varaguna** and dated in the month of *Paṅguṇi*, when the king was sojourning at *Tirunandikarai*. It mentions the name of one **Murugaṇ Śendi** the daughter of the **Tenganāḍu-Kilavaṇ**. She was given in marriage to the king and she seems to have gone by the name **Aykula Mahādevi**. The inscription records that the king granted some lands for her enjoyment.

The Huzur Office plates of *Kō-kkarunandaḍakkar* informs us that on the 14,49,087th day of the *Kali* era, which corresponds to 864 A. D., the village round the *Vishṇu* temple erected by the king was named *Pārthivaśekharaapuram* and that one of the king's officers was *Śāttaṇ Murugaṇ alias Tenganāḍu-kilavaṇ*. The present record of the reign of *Vikramaditya Varaguna*, as it mentions *Pārthivaśekharaapuram*, must obviously be later than 864 A. D. Again, since *Śāttaṇ Murugaṇ*, the *ājñapti* of the other document, is seen offering his daughter in marriage to *Vikramaditya Varaguna*, we can rightly infer that the time of this prince was not much later than that of *Kō-kkarunandaḍakkar*. If it be, *Śāttaṇ Murugaṇ, alias Tenganāḍu-kilavaṇ* could not have figured in both the reigns. Thirdly, the palaeography of the inscription under consideration points also to the same conclusion. A second copper-plate that will be edited shortly asserts distinctly, that *Vikramaditya Varaguna* belongs to the *Yādava* race; we might therefore conclude that he succeeded *Kōk-karunandaḍakkar* on the throne of *Malai-rājyam*.

Text

Front side

- 1 ஸ்ரீ ஸ்ரீ [||*] விசுவாதித்யவரமூணர்க்கு யாண்டு எட்டு [||*] பங்குனித்
திங்கள் திருநந்திக்கரை இருந்து அடிகள் (1)
- 2 ன்கநாடு கிழவன் மகள் ஆய்குலமாதேவியாயின முருகுஞ் சேந்தியைத் திருவ -
டிச் சார்த்த இவளுக்குக் குடியாக அட்டிக்குடுத்த பூ (2)
- 3 ன்ளவநாட்டு மேற்கோட்டுப் பழங்கோப்பற்று செங்கணாவந்தடி பலவிதை
பதினைக்கலவித்துப்பாடும் சாண்டன் தடி பல விதை (3)
- 4 ந்கலவித்துப்பாடும் குதாளங்கோடு தடி பல விதை ஐக்கலவித்துப்பாடும் இத
நொடு செல்வன புல்லேல்படுவன தடிபல (4)
- 5 முக்கலவித்துப்பாடும் பெருமண்ணும் இடைமண்ணுந் தடி பல விதை ஐக்கல
வித்துப் பாடும் ஏற்றித்தடி பல விதை ப (5)
- 6 னாழிச் சாலால் முப்பத்திருக்கலவித்துப்பாடும் இவற்றின்றலைக்கரையும் புலை -
யுந் காரான்மை மீதாட்சி உள்ளடங்க இவை . . . (6)
- 7 வி கோ நீக்கி செம்மருநர் குடியாக வாழ்விவசேவரவாரத்து பெருமக்கள் காட்
தாட்டுவதாக அட்டிக்குடுத்தது [||*] இத[னு]க்கு ரக்ஷாவே . . . (7)
- 8 மாக இவையிற்றுளேய் பெருமக்களுக்கு அட்டிக் குடுத்த பூமி குதாளங் கோட் -
டில் விதை நாற்கலம் ||---

(1) Read [ர்க்கு தெ]-

(2) Read பூமி வ-

(3) Read நா-

(4) Read விதை

(5) Read பதி

(6) Read இறையி-

(7) Read ரக்ஷாவோம -

Translation

Hail Prosperity! The eighth year of (the reign of) the king Vikramāditya Varaguṇa (was current). When (the king) was (sojourning) at Tirunandikkarai, and when Murugaṇ Ṣēndi *alias* Āy-kula-mādevi, the daughter of Tenganādu-kiḷavaṇ was joined (in wedlock) with His Highness, (1) the lands that were granted to her for her enjoyment (2) were, Ṣenganāvaṇ-taḍi of (the growing capacity of) fifteen *kalams* of several seeds, Māṇḍaṇ-taḍi of (the growing capacity of) four *kalams*, Kuḍaḷangōḍu (of the extent) of (one) *taḍi* (and) of (the growing capacity of) five *kalams*,—all situated in the Paḷangōppaḷḷu of Mērkōḷu (a sub-division) of Valluvanaḍu,—together with the land attached to these and which bear (only) grass on it (3) and is of the extent of (one) *taḍi* and of (the growing capacity of) three *kalams* of various seeds; Perumaṇ and Iḍaimaṇ of (the extent of one) *taḍi* and of (the growing capacity of) five *kalams* of various seeds;—total extent (4) (of the land thus granted is equal to that capable of growing) seeds of various kinds (to the extent of) thirty-two *kalams* measured by the *kūl* of

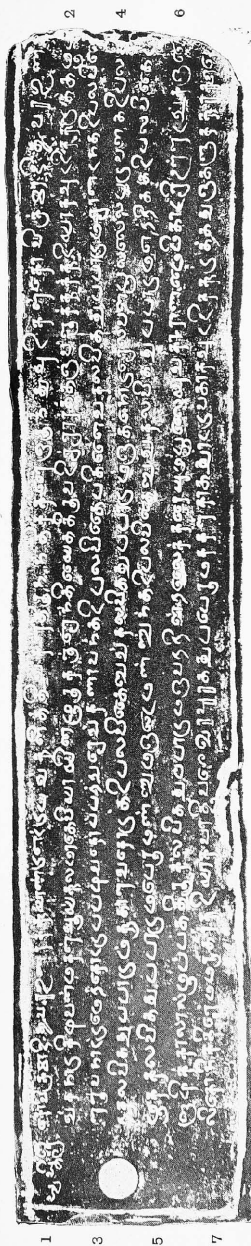
(1) *Tiruvaḍi-sārṭta* means literally to apply to the feet of or join to the feet of *tiruvaḍi* might be here rendered as 'His Highness' and *sārṭta*, to be joined in wedlock.

(2) *Kuḍiyāga* = as tenants; i.e., the tenants were placed under her.

(3) The phrase *puḷḷēl-paḍuvaya* is not clear and hence the translation is only tentative.

(4) *Ḑṛri* literally 'having added together i.e., in total; *Ḑṛri-taḍi* has therefore been rendered as 'the total extent.'

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ten (?) *nālis*. These, including the first (instalment of the) tax on them, (5) the *pulaiyas* (attached to them), their *kārāṇmai*, *mīdāṭchi*, were granted free of taxes on condition that the tenants shall be (exclusively) of the good cultivator class (6) and that the chief men of Pārthivaśekhara-puram shall protect and make over the proceeds of them.

The land that was set apart as *rakshābhōgam* (7) for the chief men (of Pārthivaśekhara-puram) was situated in Kudālangōḍu itself and was of (the growing capacity of) four *kalam*s of seeds ||—

(5) *Karai*=land tax; *talai-karai* has been rendered as the first instalment of the land tax.

(6) *Marudar*, those living in the *marudam* land, i.e., arable land, cultivators; *semmarudar*=good farmers or cultivators.

(7) *Rakshābhōgam*, the fees levied for protecting anything, such as land.

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No. III

An Inscription of the ninth year of the reign of
Parantaka Pandya at Kanya Kumari

INSCRIPTION OF THE NINTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF PARANTAKA PANDYA

The following inscription is engraved on the east wall of the first *prākāra* of the Kanyākumāri temple at Cape Comorin. Besides this, there is one more record of the 9th year of king Parāntaka in the same temple, but unfortunately it is built in. The epigraph under consideration is somewhat damaged; but it is not very difficult to read it. The alphabet employed is Tamil of the 12th or 13th century A. D. and resembles that of the inscriptions of the times of Kulōttunga I, Vikramachōla and others (1).

The record refers itself to the 9th year of the reign of Parāntaka Pāṇḍya. In the historical introduction at its beginning, the inscription recounts the acts of valour shown by this king; for example, the checking of the inroads of the sea, the engraving of the family crest,—a pair of carps,—on the Malaya mountains and sitting on the same throne with Dēvēndra, etc.,—acts which the Tamil literature attributes to the early ancestors of the Pāṇḍyas, are claimed to have been performed by Parāntaka Pāṇḍya (2). He is said to have defeated the Chēra and levied tribute from him. The King of the Kūpakas offered his daughter in marriage to Parāntaka Pāṇḍya and he married her. The king then fought a battle at Viḷiṇam and took it (3). Next, the vessels (?) in the harbour of Kāṇḍālūr were destroyed (4). Apparently the systems of weights and measures were in an unsatisfactory condition and consequently the king is described as turning his attention at standardising them, and in token whereof, they were or-

(1) Compare this with the facsimile of the inscription of Kulōttunga I. given in Vol. III, Part III of South Indian Inscriptions.

(2) Ugra Pāṇḍya hurled his spear and curbed the fury of the sea, which rose boisterously to devour Madura, the capital of the Pāṇḍyas. It then advanced calmly as far as the feet of the king and respectfully laved them. This forms the subject-matter of the 52nd of the 64 *Tiruvilaiyūdāls* (divine sports) of Śiva.

The two Śīnmananūr plates and the Vēlvikuḍi grant also mention all these acts, attributing them to the early Pāṇḍya kings whom however they do not mention by name. "Among these might be mentioned the engraving of the fish—the Pāṇḍya crest—on the Northern mountain, i.e., Mount Meru; wearing the garland of Indra and securing one-half of his throne; casting the spear for the return of the sea; and performing one-thousand sacrifices." Tamil literature is one with the Śīnmananūr and other grants in stating that the early Pāṇḍyas engraved the carps on the Mount Meru, implying that they extended their conquests as far north as the Meru. But according to our inscription, Parāntaka engraved the fish only on the Malaya mountain, a comparatively easy piece of work, quite consistent with his limited means and power.

(3) The port of Viḷiṇam was always the cynosure of all foreign kings. For instance, the early Pāṇḍya king, Mārāṇḍaiyaṇ or Jaṭilavarman Parāntaka says in his Madras Museum plates and the Trevandram Museum stone, that he fought at and took Viḷiṇam; Kulōttungachōlādēva I., captured it and named it Kulōttungasōlappattinam in the 13th century, we see in our inscription Parāntaka Pāṇḍya capturing it. It appears to have been a thriving sea-port, which by its riches might have offered great temptation to these foreign sovereigns.

(4) Kāṇḍālūr has not yet been identified. Taking it to be a sea coast town, the phrase "*Kāṇḍālūr Śālai kalamaruttu*" has been rendered by the previous translators as "having destroyed the ships that stood in the roads at Kāṇḍālūr." Though at present I am unable to explain it properly, it appears almost certain that *kalam* and *Śālai* do not mean what they have been taken to be. I have, however, assumed their translation for the sake of uniformity.

dered to be stamped with the royal totem, the carp. He set up ten golden lamps to the God of the temple at Anantaśayanam (Trivandram) and granted the village of Tāyanallūr for their upkeep. The king dedicated the Puṛattāyanāḍu to the goddess Kanni of Kumari, for the purpose of feeding all those that attended her grand festival held annually on the Pushya-nakshatra in the month of Tai. The introduction then goes on to say that Parāntaka defeated Telinga Vīman and took from him Kuḷam and that he also subjugated the southern Kalinga country. The other inscription calls him Jaṭavarman.

The name Parāntaka Pāṇḍya in or about the 12th or 13th century A. D. is a new one to South Indian Epigraphy. It is well known that there were at least two kings who bore this name, but the first of them lived in the latter part of the 8th century and the second, who happens to be the fifth in descent from him, seems to have been perhaps an elder contemporary of Parāntakachōḷa I. (5). From the fact that the Parāntaka of our inscription claims to have conquered the South Kalinga country and taken Kuḷam from Telinga Vīman, the two conquests that are well known to every student of the history of the Chōḷas as gained by Vikramachōḷa, who reigned from 1118—1136 A. D., he (Parāntaka Pāṇḍya) must have been a contemporary of the Chōḷa king, Vikramachōḷadēva. Since the palaeographical evidence also points to the fact that the inscription under notice belongs to about this period, it would be natural and reasonable to infer that Parāntaka Pāṇḍya accompanied Vikramachōḷa in his expedition to the Kalinga country; as we know that the Pāṇḍyas had no independent existence till about the reign of Kulōttuṅgachōḷa III, we have to presume that Parāntaka Pāṇḍya marched with the army of Vikramachōḷa as his vassal. If the surmises made above are correct the age of Parāntaka Pāṇḍya would become the first half of the 12th century A.D.

I have shown elsewhere (7) that the Pāṇḍyas appear to have borne the surnames Jaṭila (or Jaṭa) varman and Māravarman alternately in the same way as the Chōḷas assumed the surnames Parakēsari and Rājakēsari alternately. Assuming this to be true and giving each generation the usual 30 years, we see that the king Parāntaka Pāṇḍya of our inscription must be a

(5) The genealogy of the early Pāṇḍyas is as follows :

1. Jayantavarman
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2. Māravarman Arikēsari Parānkuṣa
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3. Jaṭila, Parāntaka I (770 A. D.)
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4. Rājasiṃha I.
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5. Varaguṇa Mahārāja (862 A. D.).
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6. Śrīmāra, Srivallabha *alias* Ēkavīra.

Varaguṇavarman. 7. Parāntaka *alias* Vira-Nārāyaṇa .

| Saḍaiyaṇ.
Rājasiṃha II.

An. Rep. of the Asst. Superintendent of Arch. for 1907, para 19.

(6) The introduction to the inscriptions of Vikramachōḷa has, “ குளத்திடைத்தெலிங்கவீமன் விலங்கன் மிசை யேறவுங் கலிங்கபூமியைக் கனலெரி பருகவும் ” and the Kalingattupparanī says of Vikrama “ கலிங்கங்களேறினையும் போய்ச் கொண்டதானைத் தியாக சமுத்திரமே.” See also S. I. I. Vol. III. pp. 179-80.

(7) In my paper on the Trivandram Museum stone inscription of Mārājadaiaṇ to be published shortly.

Jaṭavarman, a deduction which is borne out by the inscription already referred to above. The synchronism would then be as follows :—

Chôlas.

1. Āditya.
|
2. Parāntakachôla I. (A. D. 908).
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3. Arimjaya.
|
4. Parāntaka II.
|
5. Rājaraja. I. (985. A.D.)
|
6. Rājēndrachôladēva.
|
7. Kulōttungachôla I.
|
8. Vikramachôladēva

Pāṇḍyas.

1. Varaguṇa Mahārāja.
|
2. Śrivalabbha, Ekavira Māravarman.
|
3. Parāntaka, Vīranārāyaṇa, Śaḍaiyaṇ.
|
4. Rājasimha, Abhimānamēru, Māravarman.
|
5. [A Parāntaka, Śaḍaiyaṇ].
|
6. [Son, Māravarman].
|
7. [Another Parāntaka, Śaḍaiyaṇ or Jaṭavarman.

[862 + (7 × 30) = 1072 AD.]

The conquest of Kalinga claimed for himself by Vikramachôla is believed to have been undertaken at the instance of his father, Kulōttungachôla I, and therefore to have taken place in the reign of the latter (8). If the taking by Vikramachôla of Kuḷam of Vīman and the South Kalinga occurred during the reign of his father, no wonder we see that the approximate date arrived at for Jaṭavarman Parāntaka Pāṇḍya of our inscription at the end of the table of synchronisms, coincides with the reign of Kulōttungachôla I. Hence combining this consideration with the others already examined, we might definitely conclude that Parāntaka Pāṇḍya lived about the latter part of the 11th and the first part of the 12th Century A. D. It is incidentally mentioned that Parāntaka Pāṇḍya was born in the Pushya *nakshatra* in the month of Tai (9). The immediate object of the inscription under consideration is the fixing of the exact boundary of the land belonging to (the *dēvadānam* of) the goddess Kanyākumāri. In defining these the following names of places &c., occur in the inscription :—Purattāya nāḍu, situated in the Uttamaśōlavalānāḍu belonging to the Rājaraja-Pāṇḍinaḍu; Tayanallūr; Adiyānūr; Pāṇaikudi; Perunguḍamalai; Nāṇjinaḍu; Aṇaimalai; Vālaiyāru; Navāy; Kōḍikkalā; Karunguḷam; Alṇiyūr; Pūṣanguḍi; Kirāttikuḷam; Karimbaḍu; Viṣāpuri; Kēraḷaṇkuricchi; Maṇarkudi; Suchindiram and Tōvalai. Of these, Karunguḷam, Pūyanguḍi, Kurāttikuḷam, Karimbaḍu, Vāḷliyūr, Viṣāpuri, Kēraḷaṇkuricchi, Maṇarkudi, Suchindiram and Tōvalai are in South Travancore and most of them near the Cape Comorin. Vāḷliyūr and Viṣāpuri are in South Tinnevely.

(8). S. I. I. Vol. III. p. 180.

(9). Dr. Hultzsch has made a casual reference to this inscription in *para.* 18 of his Annual Report for 1896 and in the list of inscriptions copied during that year appended at the end, he remarks that this record "Specifies the boundaries of the temple land".

- 1 ஸ்ரீ திருவளாச் செயம் [வ*]வரத் தென்னவர்தம் குலம் [வ*]வர வருமறை நான்கவவளாவனைத்துலகுந்துயர் நீக்கத், ^(2.) தென் மதுராபுரி தோன்றி (தே)-
- 2 ஷெவெநு ஷோனிதிருந்த ^(3.) மன்னப்பிரான் வ[ழு]தியர்கோன் [வடிம்]பலம்ப நின் நுனி மால்கடலை ^(4.) எறிந்தருளி மலைத்துக்கயல் பொரித்துச் ^(5.) சேரலனை-
- 3 ச்செருவில் வென்று [தி]றைகொண்டு வாகை சூடிச் கூபகர்கோன் மகட்குடுப்பத் ^(6.) குலவிழிஞங்கைக்கொண்டு கன்னி[ப்]பேர் செய்தருளிக் காந்தனூர்ச்சாலை கலமறுத்-
- 4 [து]மன்னபுகழ் மறைபவர்தம் மணியம்பலத்துளினிதிருந்து ஆயிரத்தெண்மர் அவி ரோதம் பணிப்பணியால் ^(7.) ம[றை பேர்]த்துக்கல் நாட்டிப் பண்டுள்ள பேர்தவி-
- 5 [ர்த*] து நிறுப்பனவு மாப்பனவும் ^(8.) கயலேழுதி அனந்தபுரத் தெம்மாற்கு நில விப பொன் மணிவிளக்கு நின்றெரியப் பத்தமை[த்து] ஆங்கமைத்த ^(9.) தாயநல் லூர் அடதென்-
- 6 னுட்டரையனென அறிவாகையால் யறிந்துணர்த்து ^(10.) தென்னவர் தங்குலதெய்வம் தென் குமரிகள் . . . ^(11.) திருநாள் விளாவதனிற் -
- 7 தப்பூசப் பிறை நான்கு வந்திருந்தாரெல்லாற்கும் ^(12.) மாற்றுகே தியாகம் இட அறத்தால் விளங்கிய ஆய்ந்த கேள்விப் புறத்த ^(13.)
- 8 யநாடு பூமகட்குளி[த்து*] த் தெலிங்கவி[ம்]மங்குளங்கொண்டு தென்கலிங்க மடிப படுத்து திசை அனைத்து முடனாட்ட ஸ்ரீ-
- 9 பார்த்தகேவற்கு யாண்டு ^(14.) சூதாவது [||*] ராஜராஜப் பாண்டிநாட்டு உத்தம சோழவளநாட்டுப் புறத்தாயநாட்டுக் குமரிக்கன்னிய-
- 10 ஈபகவதியார் தேவதானத்துக்குப் பெருநான்கெல்லை [||*] வடவெல்லை நாஞ்சினாட்டு அதியனூரு (ம்) மின்னாட்டுப் -

(1) From impressions prepared by my copyists.

(2) நீக்க would be better.

(3) The other inscription reads னிதிருந்து.

(4) வார்கடலை would suit the rhyme better.

(5) Read பொறித்து.

(6) Read கொடுப்ப.

(7) The other inscription has. . . ம் வ[ளர்ப்] ப அமைத்த பேராயிரத்தெண்மவிரோதப்பணிப்-
பணியால்

(8) The letter ன is engraved below the line. The other inscription reads அளப்பனவும் முகப்பனவும்
நிறுப்பனவும். For metre and rhyme it would be better if the reading is முகப்பனவு நிறுப்பனவு
மளப்பனவும்.

(9) The second inscription reads ஆங்கமைத்த.

(10) Read வகையால் அறிந்து. The other inscription reads அறிந்துணர்த்த (11) The letters lost here
must be னியார் தம்

(12) The other inscription reads வந்திரந்தோரெல்லாற்கும் which appears more correct. It means "to
all these that came and asked for alms."

(13) The other inscription reads here அறத்தால் விளங்கிய ஆய்ந்த கேள்விப் புறத்தாயநாடு.

(14) The second inscription has here ஸ்ரீகோந்தைய பன்மரான திரிபுலன சக்கரவர்த்திகள் ஸ்ரீபார
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- 11 பெருங்குடி மலையுட்பட பணைகுடி நீங்கலாக மூன்றுங் கூடின மலையிற் சந்தேச
தேசப்பிரமாணம் [ஆ]ணைமலையு[ம்] மனுத்திரப்-
- 12 (பா) பாறையும் தோரணகுழியும் பிடாரணைரிக்கொழுக்குத்தும் கண்டனெனிக் கொ
முக்குத்தும் வாழையாற்று வடவாறும்
- 13 நாவாயும் கோடிக்களாவும் விறகடுகுப்பையு[ம்] ஒழுக்கந்தாழ்வும் இன்னாட்டு வடகீழ்
மூலை கருங்குளமும் அள்ளியூரும் பூச-
- 14 ன் குடியும் கூடின பிரமாணமான பு[க்கூழ்குழியும்] கிரா (ர) த்திக்குளமும் சிதற்
றைப்பாறையும் நெடுவாலிகுழியும் மேற்குே-
- 15 நாக்கின நீர்வீழ்தாழ்வும் விளக்கன்குழி நீர்கொள்ளியும் இரட்டைக்கினையும் ஆத
னா[து]றை நீர்வீழ் [தாழ்வு] ம் பாஸ்பாடும் நெடுங்-
- 16 களரும் உசிலோடுகுழியும் ஆணையுப்பாறையும் [சு]றடிமணலும் இரட்டை தூம்
பும் கறிம்பாடும் ஆணைக்கல்லும் [I*] இவ்வெல்லையி-
- 17 ல் கிழக்குக் கருங்குளவாநாட்டு விசாபுரியும் இருக்கந்துறைக்குந் தென்கீழ் மூலை -
[யும்] [I*] தென் எல்லை கிழ[க்குப்ப] ருசமீமே போந்து இந்நா-
- 18 ட்டுத்தென் மேல்மலை கோளன்குறிச்சிபான கோளன்குடி[யு] ம் நாஞ்சினாட்டு ம
[ணற்குடி]யும் [கூ]டி[ன சந்] தேசப்பிரமாணம் கோள-
- 19 ன்குடிக்குத் தென்மேல் மூலை பெ றையும் கட மபன்றிதலை வினை -
. ற்கும் நடுவினையும் மாணக்க -
- 20 ன் குழிக்கீழ்விளிம்பும் [ந]ங்கை கிணறு தாகச் சசீந்திரமும் கோளன்குறிச்சி
யும் [வ]ழியும் தேவிசுளத்தில் நீ-
- 21 [ர்]கொள்ளியும் [ஆ]றுணை விட கொம்பில் க்குப்பாண [றயும்]
[பாப்]பான்குழியும் பாறையும் வடக்குநோக்கி-
- 22 ன நீர்வீழ்க்காரடு வெள்ளொலுப்பைத்தாழ்வும் பள்ளி[ச்சந்த] நீங்கலாக குருந்தோ
. ளற்பொற்றையும் ம-
- 23 லையே பொழுங்காகப் போந்து தோவானைக்குக் கீழெல்லை னையும்
உருண்[ட]ப்ப[ா]றையும் ஒழுங்காக ஊசுமலையு-
- 24 ம் ஒழுங்காகப் போந்து ஆணைமலையாக இவ்விசைந்த பெருநான்கெல்லை யுட்பட்ட
. தங்களும் அமிர்தபடி சாந்து-
- 25 ப்படியுஞ் சந்தனங்கற்பூரத்து[க்]கும் நாம் பிறந்த தைப்[பூ]-
- 26 சத்திருநாளுக்கும் செல்விதாக இறையிவிதேவதானமாக நமக்கு [டையபடி] . . .
நீர்வார்த்துக் குடுத்தோம் குமரிகன்னிப்-
- 27 பகவதியாற்கு [II*] -

Translation

(ll. 1—9) Hail Prosperity! In the 9th year of (the reign of) Parantakadēva;—the lord of the kings, who was born in the Southern Madurāpuri for expelling distress from all the three worlds, so that prosperity might grow, victory increase, the family of the Tēnnavar (the Pāṇḍyas) endure, and the four superior *vēdas* might flourish; who sat upon the same throne as Dēvendra; the king of Pāṇḍya race, who stood (on the sea shore) so that it might lave his feet; who conquered the great sea; who engraved the carps on the Malaya (mountain); who vanquished the Chēra in battle and received tribute from him; who wore the (garland of)

vāgai (flowers); (15) who was offered by the king of the Kūpakas (16) his daughter (in marriage); who took the ancient Viḷiṇam, where he fought his first battle (*kaṇṇippōr*); who destroyed the ships (?) at the port (*śalai* ?) of Kāndaḷūr; who being advised by the one thousand and eight (persons) who were appointed to give counsel, administered justice and set up pillars (?); who having removed their old names, and got the carp engraved on the (newly adopted) measures of weight and capacity; who set up ten beautiful golden lamps of rare workmanship for the god at Anantapuram; who, for that purpose granted Tāyanallūr who presented the Paṇattāyanaḍu, which is resplendent with charity coupled with deep learning to the family deity of the Tennavar, the goddess Kaṇṇi (of Kumari), who knowing by the proper way, proclaims to the world that the king is the powerful sovereign of the Tennāḍu the (Paṇḍya country); for the purpose of giving munificently (alms) to all those that are present on the day after the festival of *Taippūsam*, who took Kuḷam of Telinga Vimaṇ, and subjugated the South Kalinga (country) and who ruled over all the quarters (of the globe):

(ll. 10—17). These are the four great boundaries of the Puṇattāyanaḍu, the *dēvadānam* (land) of Kanyābhagavatiyar of Kumari:—The northern boundary of the *dēvadānam* (lands) belonging to the Kanyābhagavatiyar of Kumari, situated in the Puṇattāyanaḍu, (a subdivision) of the Uttamasōḷavaḷanaḍu, (a division) of the Rāja-rāja-Paṇḍinaḍu, are:—With the exception of the three (places?), Adiyaṇūr and Panaikuḍi together with the Perunguḍamalai in the Naṇjinaḍu, the mountain tract (included) according to the royal order, (18) in the Āṇaimalai, the Maṇuttirappaṇai, the Tōraṇakuḷi, the Piḍaraṇēri-koḷukkuttu, the Kaṇḍanēri-koḷu-kuttu, (19) the northern branch of the Vālaiyāru; Nāvay, Kōḍikkala, Viṇagaḍukuppai, Oḷukkandaḷvu; on the north-east corner of this *naḍu* are, according to this settlement, Karuṇḷam, Alliyūr, Pūsanguḍi together with Pukkūḷkuḷi Kirattikkūḷam, Siḍarraippaṇai, Neḍuvēlikuḷi, the low ground in which the water drains on the west-side; the Viḷakkāṇkuḷi Canal, the Iraṭṭaikinaṇu, the low land of Āḍanārturaḷ in which the water drains, the Pāḷpaḍu, the Neḍungalar, the Uḷloḍukuḷi, the Āṇaiyaḍippaṇai, the Karaḍimaṇal, the Iraṭṭainurambu, Karimbaḍu, and Āṇaikkallu.

(ll. 16—17). The eastern of these (four great) boundaries (are), Viṣāpuri in the Karuṇḷavaḷanaḍu, and the south-east corner of Irukkantūrai.

(ll. 17—24). The southern boundaries (are):—going directly to the east as far as the south-west limit of this *naḍu* which is Kēraḷanguḍi *alias* Kēraḷaṇkuruḷchchi, and Maṇarkuḍi of the Naṇjinaḍu, which together, according to the royal order, form the south-west corner..... to the west of Paṇṇitalaiviḷai.....Naḍuvēḷai, the east border of Maṇakkāṇkuḷi, Nangaikinaṇu.....Suchindiram, Kēraḷaṇkuruḷchchi.....the canal from the Dēvikūḷam, from the northern branch of Aruṇṇi.....[Pā]pāṇkuḷi.....paṇṇai,

(15) A garland of this flower indicates that the wearer is the victor. Compare “வாகை குடிய சிலைய ராமன்” (Kambar). See Tolkāppiyam, Poruḷadigāram, Puṇattāyiyai, Sūtram 18; and Puṇapporūḷvānā-mālai, p. 70.

(16) One of the dynasties of kings who ruled in S. Travancore. They seem to be related in some way to the present or Tiruppāppūr dynasty of the Travancore Sovereigns.

(17) *Kaṇṇippōr* means literally a maiden attempt at warfare; cf. கன்னி மாங்காய், கன்னிக்குட்டி, கன்னிக்கோழி, கன்னித்தேங்காய் etc. The term *Kaṇṇippōr* occurs in the commentary on the Puranaṇuru thus “போர் மட்கையை புணர்வருகிற கன்னிப்போராதலாற் பணிக்கய மண்ணியென்றார்” v. 79. in praise of தலையாலங்கானத்துச் செருவென்ற கெடுஞ்செழியன் by இடைக்குன்றுர் கீழார்.

(18) *Sandēsam* means information, direction or order.

(19) *Koḷukkuttu*, a pile driven into the earth, a post marking the boundary, etc.

the boulder from which the water dribbles and which is situated on the north, the valley of Velleluppaittālvu, excluding the *pallichchandam* (the lands belonging to the Jaina or Buddha temples); Kurunto.....porrai; (20) going directly along the mountain to the eastern boundary of Tōvālai.....the Urundaipporrai, straight to Uśimalai, (from there) straight to Anaimalai.

(ll. 24—27). The (lands);.....included within these four great boundaries thus fixed, belonging to us were granted as tax free *dēvadānam* (land) to (the goddess) Kanyābhagavatiyar of Kumari, for meeting the expenses of the offerings, prepared sandal paste, sandal, camphor, and for the festival celebrated during our birthday, the Taippūsam.

(20) *Porrai*, a large, bare boulder.

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No. IV

The Paliyam Plates of the 322nd. year of the Pudu-Vaippu Era

No. V

Three Sanskrit Inscriptions at Trevandram

PALIYAM PLATES OF THE 322ND. YEAR OF THE PUDU-VAIPPU ERA.
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The subjoined inscription is neatly and beautifully engraved on a set of five copper plates belonging to the Pāliyattu Achchan of Chēndamaṅgalam in the Cochin State; the members of this family were the hereditary prime-ministers of the Rājas of Cochin, but lost their position after the transportation to Madras of one of the Valiya Achchans who joined the insurgents headed by Vēlu Tambi Daḷavāy of Travancore who, as every one knows, marched against Cochin to kill the British Resident Macaulay.^(a) At present, theirs is the richest family in the whole of the Cochin State and the head enjoys several social distinctions. The set of plates were kindly lent to me for examination by the present Valiya Achchan and from impressions taken under my supervision I now edit the inscription.

The record is engraved on both sides of the plates which are numbered in the Tamil-Malayālam numerals engraved in the middle of the left margin of the first side of each. At the bottom of the left margin of the second side of each, the sign manual of the Rāja of Cochin, a mere symbol, is engraved. All the plates have a hole in the middle of their left side, through which a copper ring passes and keeps the plates bound together. The ring was cut when it was presented to me for examination and it bore no seal.

The inscription is of interest in two ways, namely, the palæography of the alphabet employed and the special era in which the record is dated. The alphabet is a degraded modification of the Vaṭṭeḷuttu, wherein there is the utmost difficulty in distinguishing from each other the letters *p*, *v*, *y*, *l*, and *n*, which are represented by almost similar symbols: nay one symbol signifying one sound in several instances, is made to represent another in other instances. The peculiarities are very many and as a verbal description of them would become cumbersome if attempted, I have appended herewith a plate giving the letters in tabular form, from which palæographers might study the irregularities of this alphabet. In this table it might be observed, as noted above, little or no difference is seen in the form of the letters *p*, *n*, *y*, and *v*; and their secondaries *pā*, *nā*, *yā*, and *vā*; *pi*, *yi*, and *vi*: *nu*, *pu*, *yu*, and *vu*: *pú*, and *vú*: *pe*, *ye*, and *ve*. There is not much difference observable between *ñ* and *lai*. Very often *k* and *ch* are written alike.

Of the new era in which the date is given, a little explanation is needed. It is known as the **Pudu-vaippu** Era. The origin of it is explained as follows by Visser in his "Letters from Malabar":—"The second era the year *Pooda Vaipum*: which they call the new style, was first established when the island of Vypeen was recovered from the sea and inhabited by men. This was 383 years ago (i.e., before 1723 A. D. when Visser wrote.)" ^(b) The editor of the translation of Visser's letters adds that "In the year 1341, the sea threw up the small

(a) Śaṅgunṇi Mēnōn's History of Travancore, p. 336.

(b) Letter No. XXV, p. 150 of the translation.

Table showing the Letters employed in the Paliyam Plates of the 322nd. year (=1662 A.D.) of the Pudu-Vaippu Era

	Conso- Vowels.	k	ñ	ch	ñ	t	n	t	n	h	m	y	r	l	sh	l	l	r	n	Numerals	
a	ay uy	ṛ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	33	2	2	2	2	ṛ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	1
â	ay uy	ṛ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	33	2	2	2	2	ṛ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	2
i	ṛ	ṛ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	33		ṛ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	3
î		ṛ						33												ṣ	4
u	ṛ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ		uy		ṛ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṛ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	5
û	ṛ	ṣ			uy				ṣ					ṣ	ṣ	ṣ				ṣ	14
e	ṛ	ṣ		uy	uy		ṣ		ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	ṣ	20
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island of Vypeen on the north side of Cochin. The waters breaking through the river Cocci, swept away the village and formed a large river and back-water, and so spacious a harbour, that large ships can lie safely at anchor in the river on the North-east side of the town of Cochin. Vaippen is thirteen miles long and one mile broad. The natives date their era from the period of its origin. This is called *Poodu-Vaypa* from the two Malayalam words *poodu*, new and *veyya*, foundation" (c). It was current for some time, but I do not know if any one uses it at present.

Besides the two features of the document already mentioned, it might be also noted that this is the first extant agreement between the Raja of Cochin and the Dutch East India Company. No doubt the record alludes to a previous agreement, but it is not forthcoming. It is upon this treaty that the Dutch settlements on the West Coast were established. The period to which the inscription under discussion belongs marks also the decline of the Portuguese supremacy in India.

The inscription is dated the 14th *Minam* in the year 322 of the *Pudu-Vaippu* era: that is, it corresponds to the 22nd. March, 1663 A. D. The record begins with an allusion to the several misfortunes that the royal family of Cochin suffered on account of the internal dissensions that prevailed in its five collateral branches and proceeds to state that this agreement with the Dutch was drawn up after deliberation with the *prabhus* (lords) residing North and South of the river Kāñjirapulāi, the Vālai prabhu and Avana Nambūri, held in the temple of Bhagavati at Paḷayannūr. The object of the treaty is said to be to ensure the safety of the Cochin royal family (*Svarūpam*) by entering into friendly relationship with The Hon'ble the Dutch East India Company (or as the record has it *vegumānappaṭṭa Lēndakummañji*) and to guide the conduct of the *anantavarars* in future. As a consequence of the feud that existed in the royal family, the Portuguese (*Paṇṇigī*) also joined its enemies and caused to it lot of harm. Therefore, their alliance was overthrown and the new one with the Dutch was contracted: the terms of the agreement which was drawn up on the occasion are recorded on these five plates as follows:—

(1). The Dutch having come in possession of the fort at Cochin which was first built by the Portuguese, their occupation of the forts at Cranganore (Koḍuññallūr), Paḷippuram and Pāmba was ratified in writing by the Raja of Cochin. He also permits the Dutch the enjoyment of the produce of the islands (*turuttu*) of Paḍiri-turuttu, Poṭṭa-turuttu and Venḍu turuttu, as also the services of the slaves who were working under the Portuguese, who are now made over to the Dutch.

(2). In the open space in front of the fort at Cochin which is purposely left so and which is bounded on the South by the land belonging to the Raja, the west boundary of the plot of land known as the *Naḍudal-paraṃbu*, the *Tirumainalattu paraṃbu* and the *Chakkālakka paraṃbu* and on the east by the Bhagavati Temple, no one shall plant any trees, without the previous express sanction of the Hon'ble Company.

(3). If there occurs any disturbance between the subjects of the Cochin State and the Dutch Company, each party is bound to restore the men belonging to the respective Government for punishment.

(4). No succession fee shall be levied (by the Cochin Government apparently) upon the descendants of the seven classes of subjects that were set apart once by the Cochin Rājas for the services of the Portuguese and upon the Christian converts whom the Portuguese brought down from the Canara side. Nor can their persons be substituted by others.

(c) Ibid, foot-note.

(5). No pepper that grows in Cochin territory shall be permitted to get out of its limits, but shall be collected, weighed and delivered over to the Company.

(6). When the Company is in need of the help of the Cochin forces, the Rāja should render it all possible assistance with his men: similarly, if the Rāja wants help of the Company, the latter should bind itself to put down his enemies and protect his kingdom.

(7). During the times of hardship which the Rāja was obliged to pass through, the chief of *Vaḍakkankūru* rendered great help to him: in grateful recognition of this the Rāja promises to give him assistance whenever wanted by him.

(8). If the Cochin royal family becomes poor in children and it is required to go in for adoption, such adoptions shall be taken from the *Chāḷiyūr* line only. Even then, such a step should not be taken without previously intimating the matter to the Company and taking their counsel in that connection.

(9). The *Mēnōn* of *Pāliyam* has, for the good of the royal family, served faithfully in several ways: therefore, the Rāja binds himself to protect the family (*taṇavaṇḍu*) for ever and ever.

(10). The temples, the brahmanas and the cows in the following places shall specially be protected by the Rāja of Cochin:—*Paḷayannūr*, *Tiruvallāmala*, *Tiruchchivappērūr*, *Ūragam* (*Ūrōtta*) *Iruññāḍakkūḍa*, *Tiruvañjaikkūlam*, *Tiruppūnitturai* and *Tiruvallāy*. The temple affairs should not be allowed to fall in desuetude. In addition to these the Rāja should offer facilities for *yāgas* and other brahmanical ceremonies.

(11). The representatives of the *Koñṇiṇi mahājanam* requested the ancestors of the Rāja of Cochin to take them (*Koñṇiṇis*) under their protection and also build for them a temple. Thereupon, a plot of land was given them for the latter purpose and also arrangements made for the conduct of the festivals in the temple built by them. The Rāja now binds himself to protect these subjects as in old times. As in times of his misfortunes, these subjects amply helped him with money, he promises further that in the matter of protection and punishment the *Koñṇiṇis* shall be treated just in the same manner as the other brahmanas.

When the *Koñṇiṇis* first came to the Cochin territory, they requested that they should be protected by the kings of Cochin just as they were by the kings of *Kaḍamalaiyālam*. In compliance with this request, they were then exempted from the succession fee. But then it was the custom that when a *Koñṇiṇi* died without heirs, his property was taken charge of jointly by the Rāja's officers and the representatives of the *Koñṇiṇis* and divided into two equal parts, one of which went into the royal treasury and the other to the temple of *Tirumaladēva*. This custom shall be observed in future also.

(12). All the misfortunes that befell the royal family are directly attributed to the negligence on the part of its members in paying reverence to their family gods in the palace at *Chitṛakūṭam* in *Perumpadappu*. The dissensions in the family enabled the *Sāmuri* to encroach upon the country comprising *Perumpadappu* and its adjoining parts: as a consequence, the Cochin royal family was disabled from paying personal obeisance to its family gods. Therefore, the Rāja exhorts his *anantaravars* that in alliance with the *Kummañji* (Company) they must try their utmost to obtain possession of the said tract of land.

The record winds up by saying that, if the members of the royal family observed scrupulously the arrangements made in the preceding paras, there is not the least doubt that peace and happiness would be firmly established in it and it would suffer no reverses in future.

Last of all the Raja states that "We ordered these clauses of the agreement to be engraved upon copper plates in the presence of all those who were assembled here as witnesses to this deed and have affixed our signature to it."

The above is a free rendering of the contents of the document. Let us now turn our attention to the facts alluded to therein. Sometime before 1660, the Portuguese deposed prince Vira Kēraḷavarman and set upon the throne his aunt Gaṅgādhara-Mahalakshmi (*d.* Vira Kēraḷavarman opened negotiations with the Dutch East India Company at Ceylon inviting them to attack the Portuguese, drive them away and reinstate him on the throne: in return he promised them all facilities in their trade in the produce of Malabar. Meanwhile, Paliyattu Achchan, the prime minister of Cochin, who had some personal misunderstandings with the Portuguese fell in co-operation with the deposed prince and was expecting the arrival of the Dutch fleet. While reconnoitering in the sea to find out the best place from which the fort at Cochin could be attacked, he saw the Dutch fleet coming, met its admiral, settled some terms of a treaty of alliance and signed it on board the ship. The Dutch then attacked Cochin, but were not successful in capturing it: they then proceeded against Cranganore, reduced and took possession of it easily. They then set sail to Batavia to return once again with a stronger fleet. All this took place in 1662 A. D. Early in 1663, the Dutch once again appeared before Cochin, but this time they succeeded in compelling the Portuguese to capitulate. A cadjan manuscript belonging to the Cochin palace library containing copies of all treaties and agreements, &c., between the princes of Cochin and other powers, mentions that the Portuguese on their capitulation agreed that,

- (1). They shall make over the fort at Cochin to the Dutch, together with the islands called Pādiritturuttu, Poṭṭatturuttu and Venḍutturuttu
- (2) that all the arms and ammunition, as also all articles of merchandise are to be handed over to the Dutch,
- (3) that the Dutch are to take any Portuguese living in Cochin to Goa, if so desired by them,
- (4) that the Goanese converts, known as **Kannaḍi Kristam** residing in and near the Cochin fort, are handed over to the Dutch with the entreaty that they should be treated kindly.

The key of the fort of Cochin was delivered in the hands of the Dutch Admiral Ryklof Van Goens on the morning of January 8th, 1663 A.D.

It is after this event, it appears, that the Raja of Cochin and the Dutch entered into the agreement recorded in our document: a copy with some difference is also found in the manuscript above referred to.

The Cochin royal family is said, in the inscription, to have consisted of five collateral branches, a statement which Visseher, in his "Letters from Malabar" confirms thus, "The hereditary princes of Cochin consisted formerly of five families, which have been reduced by death to three, those of Paliat, Montata Viesse, and Shalour." The prince Vira Kēraḷavarman who is mentioned in the manuscript as one of the parties to the agreement engraved on the copperplates under notice, belonged according to the cadjan manuscript to the eldest branch, the Chāliyūr one.

The family of the Rājas of Cochin is known by the distinct title, the *Perumpadappu Svārūpam* just in the same way as the family of the Travancore Sovereign is called *Tiruppappūr*

(d) For a detailed account of this period see Day's "The Land of the Perumāls" and the paper entitled "A chapter from the History of Cochin" in the Malabar Quarterly Review for... by Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon, B.A., B.L.

svarūpam. This name of the Cochin royal family is explained by Mr. Sankara Menon, B.A., (and this is also the popular version) in his Census Report for 1901, thus:—"The oldest name of the State is Perumpadappu, for Cochin is that part of Kerala which come under the eldest son of Cherman Perumal's sister by the Perumpadappu Namburi. The ruling house of Cochin is locally known as Perumpadappu svarupum and the Rajas of Cochin hold the territory by right of descent from Cherman Perumal."

The following names of places occur in this inscription:—Kodunṇallūr, Paḷlipuram, Pambā, Paḍiri-ttiruttu, Poṭṭattiruttu, Venḍu-turuttu, Paḷayaṇṇūru, Tiruvallāmalai, Tiruchchivappērūr, Ūragam, Iruṇṇāḍakkūḍa, Tiruvaṇjaikkūḷam, Tiruppūṇitturai, Tiruvallāy, Kaḍa-malayālam and Perumbaḍappu. Of these Kodungallūr is the modern Cranganore and Paḷlipuram a village on the northern extremity of the island of Vypeen and both of these are situated on opposite banks of the river Periyār at its mouth. The term *turuttu* is a corruption of the Tamil word *turutti* meaning an island in the middle of a river; Venḍu-turuttu goes now by the name of *Venḍurutti* and lies near Cochin. Paḷayaṇṇūru, Tiruvallāmalai, Ūragam, Iruṇṇāḍakkūḍa, Tiruvaṇjaikkūḷam, Tiruppūṇitturai and Tiruchchivappērūr are in the Cochin State. The last is Trichūr of the present day. Kaḍamalayālam means the extreme Malayālam country, and apparently applies to the northern limit of the Malayālam country ruled over by the Zamorin and others. Perumbaḍappu is a village, now in British Malabar, which gives its name to the ruling family of Cochin.

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1. அருளிச்செய்க [||*] நம்முடே அனதநாவர் (2) மேல்பெட்ட வெகுமானப்பெட்ட கும்
மஞ்ஞி-
2. யே விச்சோதிச்ச நம்முடே தொருபத்தே ரெக்கிச்ச செல்லென்றும் பெறகாரத்
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3. அந்நொட்டு மிந்நொட்டும் விச்சோதிச்ச ஓடம்படிக்க எழுதி வெச்சரிக்குந்
4. பெறகாரத்தினனும் மேல்பெட்ட அனதநாவர் நட [க் *] க ண்டும் பெறகாரத்தினனும்
5. ம் புதுவப்ப நாடலாமத மேடமாதம் பழையன்னார் பகவதியுடே நடயில் காஞ்ஞி-
6. ர[பொ]ழையால் தெக்கும் [வடக்கும்] (3) ஒள்ள பெறபுக்கன்மார்வும் வேங்கனாட்டு
கிராமத்தில்
7. தச்சனங்கனில் வாழைபொயும் அவனாநம்பூரிமேயும் திக்கியுயிவச்ச -
8. ம் கொண்ட எழுதிவச்ச வப்பு ஆருநத [||*] நம்முடே தொருபத்திலேகல் அஞ்ஞ
தாவழி -
9. யும் தம்மில் மலத்தாம் கொண்டு அநெகம் கூட்டம் ஆபத்துகள் உண்டாவதின் -

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10. நே தோழம் பறுங்ககூட நம்முடே சத்துருக்கள்(க்க) தகாயமாயி யிப்ப ந -
11. ம்முடே தொருபத்திலேக்கு(க்க) ஏறின அனர்த்தங்கள் அனுபவிச்சாறே நாம்

(1) From impressions prepared under my supervision. The transliteration has been done in Tamil in preference to Malayālam for two reasons; viz., (1) only those letters that are in the Tamil alphabet are employed in this record and the spelling is precisely as in the Tamil language. (2) If the Malayālam characters were to be employed, conjunct consonants would have to be used to be consistent with the modern system of Malayālam writing, which will go against the rigorous method of transliteration employed in epigraphical publications.

(2) Read அனதநாவர்

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12. வெகுமானப்பெட்ட லேந்தகும்பஞ்ஞியே விச்சோதிச்ச கொண்டு
13. பறுங்கியேயும் களஞ்ஞ சத்துறுக்களையும் கோப்பொழிச்ச கொச்சியில் ஆகியி -
14. [யி] ட்ட பறுங்கி இட்டிரிந்ர கோட்டகளும் வெகுமானப்பெட்ட லேந்தகு -
15. ம்பஞ்ஞகைவசமாக்கி மேல்பட்ட கும்பஞ்ஞியும் நாமாயிட்ட மேல் -
16. ப்பட்ட செல்லேண்டும் பெறகாரத்தின்ன புதுவப்ப ஈாஉஉஉ ம -
17. த மீனமாதம் மசஉ அங்ஙுமிங்ஙு எழுதிவக்கவும் சேது [II*] ஆப -
18. தில் பறுங்கி இட்டிரிந்ர [கொச்சி] கோட்டயும் கொடுங்ஙுல்லூர் கோட்டயும்
19. பள்ளிப்புறத்தும் பாம்பாவினும் ஒள்ள கோட்டகளும் பறுங்கி அ -

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20. னுபவிச்சிருந்ர பாதிரி [கிரி*] த்தும் பொட்டதுருத்தும் வெண்டுதுருத்தும்
21. உல்ப்பத்திகளும் பறுங்குபுடே வேலக்காரா யிட்டள்ள அடிமக -
22. ளம் வெகுமானப்பெட்ட கும்பஞ்ஞிக்க ஆயரிக்கத்தக்கவண்ணம் எழுதிவெ -
23. ச்சிரிக்குந்ரவு [II*] கொச்சி கோட்டக்கு புறத்த வெட்டியெருப்பிச்ச பாப்பு நி -
24. லத்தின்றே அதர்த்தி தநதி பாகத்தின்ன வடக்க இதின்ன [வி?] முக்கத்தக் -
25. ல (?) கோயிலகத்தின்னும் இதின் [னு] வடக்க நடுதல்பறம்பின்றே
26. படிஞ்ஞாறே அதர்த்திக்கும் இதின்னும் வடக்க பகவதி இரிக்க -
27. குந்நதின்னும் படிஞ்ஞாற இதின்ன வடக்க கிழக்க திருமங்ங -
28. லத்த பறம்பின்னு[ம்] சக்காலக்கபறம்பின்னும் வடக்க இ -
29. ருவேலிக்கும் கல்லுப்பத்திக்கும் படிஞ்ஞாற இதின்ன -

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30. கத்த வெகுமானப்பெட்ட கும்பஞ்ஞியுடே அனுவாதம்
31. கூடாதே ஒருத்தரும் ஒருத[ய்யும்] மாங்குளும் நட -
32. ட உண்டாக்கியுருத [II*] கும்பஞ்ஞி அ (ஆ)ளுகளும் நம்முட ஆ -
33. ளுளகளும் தம்மில் ஒரு கப்பேற்றம் சேதால் அங்ஙமிங்ஙம் ஒ -
34. ள்ளவரே அங்ஙுமிங்ஙம் போதிப்பிச்ச அவாவருடே ஆளுகளை
35. அவாவ [கி]க்கிச்ச கொள்ளுகளும் வேணம் [II*] கும்பஞ்ஞி வேலக்கா -
36. யிட்ட ஒழிஞ்ஞ கொடுத்திருக்குந்ர ஏழுபுறம் பருழயோடும் கனடராச் -
37. சியத்துந்ர பறுங்கி மார்க்கம்கூட்டிகொண்டு வந்ர ஆளுகளோடும் ஒருபு -
38. ருழாந்தாம் சோதிக்கயுருத [II*] சரீரம் பிரதிஒப்பு சேகயுருத [II*] நம்முடே
39. ராச்சியத்துள்ள முளவ பொறவழிக்க போகாதே துக்கிச்ச கும்பஞ்ஞிக்க

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40. கொடுக்கணம் [II*] கும்பஞ்ஞிக்க ஓர் ஆவிச்சம் வரும்போ நம்முடே ஆ -
41. ளுகவேகொண்ட வேண்டுந்ர தகாயங்ஙன் சேதுகொடுத்த கும்பஞ்ஞி
42. ஆயிட்டுள்ள விச்சாதம் எல்லாபாளும் செய்யத்தக்க வண்ணம் வி -
43. ச்சோதிச்ச பிந்ர நழுக்க ஒரு சத்துறு உண்டாகும்போள் கும்ப -
44. ன்ஞியகொண்ட சத்துறுயின்றே அமர்ச்சயும் வருத்தி நம்முட ராச்சி -
45. [ய]வும் ரெக்கிச்ச வெகுமானப்பெட்ட கும்பஞ்ஞி ஆயிட்ட விச்சா -
46. தமாயிட்டதன்ன எந்ர எந்நக்கும் நடப்பு கொங்கயும் வேணம் [II*] ந -
47. முக்க ஆபத்துகள் உண்டாயிரிக்கும்போள் வடக்குக்கூற்றில் நாய -
48. ரி ஆகுந்ர தகாயங்ஙன் சேதிரிக்ககொண்ட நாயரிக்க ஓர் ஆவிச்ச -
49. ம் (ரு)வரும்போள் வேண்டுந்ர தகாய[ம்] சேதுகொடுத்த நடத்திகொள் -

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50. கயும் வேணம் [II*] நம்முடெ தொருபத்திலேகல் ஆளுபோராதே தெத்த வக்க-
 51. ண்டி வந்துவேங்கில் சாழியூர் தாவழியுந்(ர)ல்லாதே தெத்த வக்கயு-
 52. மருத [II*] சாழிருந்நதன்ன தெத்த வக்கும் போழும் வெகுமானப்பெட்ட
 53. கும்பஞ்ஞிபேகூட போதிப்பிச்ச குணதோழம் விசாரிச்சல்லாதே
 54. தெத்த வக்கயு மருத [II*] இ தோருபத்திலேகல் குணத்தின்ன பாலியத்த மே-
 55. னெனம்மாந் நம்மே கூடவேண்டுந் பெற[ய]ந் நங்ஙகள் சேதிரி-
 56. க்ககொண்ட எந்ந எந்நக்கும் அவாட தறவாட ரெக்கிச்ச நடத்திகொள்-
 57. கயும் வேணம் [II*] பழபன்னூர் திருவல்லாமலே திரிச்சிவபேரூர்
 58. ண்[ரோ]த்த இரிங்ஙாடகூட திருவஞ்சக்குளத்த திரிப்பூணத்த-
 59. றே திருவல்லாயே இச்சேத்திறங்ஙன் பெறத்தேகம் நாம் ரெச்சிக்க-

Fourth Plate : First Side.

60. ண்டதாக்கொண்ட இச்சேத்[த*]றங்ஙன் ஓர ஏறக்குறவு கூடாதே நடத்தி-
 61. கொள்ளணம் [II*] இதினகத்துள்ள பிராம்மணாயும் பச்சக்களயும்
 62. வழிபோலே ரெக்கிச்ச யாகாதி கம்மங்ஙகளும் நடத்திக்க சே[ய]-
 63. வு கொள்ளணம் [II*] கொங்ஙினி மகா செனங்ஙன் அ[ம்மாமன்] ம்மாரேப்பவு
 கண்ட
 64. அவர்க்க இரிப்பான் வேண்டுந் பூமிகளும் ரெச்சக்க ஆயிட்ட வே-
 65. ண்டிந்நதினயும் கொடுத்த அவர்க்க ஒரு சேத்தறம் ஒண்டாக்கணமெந்-
 66. ந அபேச்சிக்க கொண்ட ஆயதினன வேண்டுந்நதலவும் அதின்ன ஒக்க-
 67. யும் தீட்டுங்ஙகளும் கொடுத்த சேத்தறத்தில் அடியந்தரத்தின்ன அ-
 68. ம்மாமன்ம்மாராயிட்ட வெச்ச நடத்திஇரிக்குந்நதின்னும் ஓர-
 69. [வ]றக்குறவு கூடாதே நடத்திச்ச ஆ பருழகளையும் அம்மாமன் -

Fourth Plate : Second Side.

70. ம்மாந் தீட்டும கொடுத்த நடத்தி இரக்குந் பிறகாரம்
 71. ரெச்சிக்க கொள்ளணம் [II*] நம்முட ஆபத்து காலத்த இ பருழகள்
 72. தெரி[விய]ம் கொண்டு வேண்டுந்ந தகாபம் சேதிரிக்குந்நவ-
 73. ரத்தறே ஆகுந்நத [II*] இவரே பிராம்மண மரியாதபோலே உள்ள-
 74. சிக்காரெக்க அல்லாதே சேதுபோகயு மருத [II*] கொங்ஙினி மகாசென-
 75. ங்ஙன் இவிடவந்ந அம்மாமன்ம்மாரே கடமலயாளத்தில்
 76. பிராம்மணரே ரெச்சிக்குந்ந பிறகாரம் ருங்ஙளையும் ரெச்சிக்க கொ-
 77. ள்ளணமெந்ந அவர் அபேச்சிக்க கொண்டத்தரே கொங்ஙினிகள்-
 78. க்க புருழாந்தரம் வேண்டா எந்ந வச்சிகிக்குந்நத [II*] கொங்ஙினி-

Fifth Plate : First Side.

79. களில் ஒருத்தன் அற்று போயால் அவன்றே [மு]தல் நம்முட ஆளுக-
 80. ளும் மகா செனங்ஙளும் கூடி போதிச்ச [ஒள்ள] முதலில் பாதி நமு-
 81. க்கும் பாதி திருமலதேவனும் ஆயிட்டத்தறே சீழில் அம்மாமன்ம்-
 82. மாந் வெச்சிக்குந்நத [II*] மே (ர)லினும் அப்பறகாரம் ஆயிகொள்ளணம் [II*] பெ-

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83. ரும்பப்பில் சித்திரகூடத்தில் நம்முட கோவினத்தவரு தேவதமா-
 84. ரே தேவிக்கொண்டும் பிறகாரம் தேவிக்காயிக்கொண்டத்தே நமக்க ஓரோரோ-
 85. ஆபத்துகள் தம்பவிச்சத [II *] நம்முட தொருபத்திலைல் தாவழி மல்த்த-
 86. ரம் கொண்ட ஆபதின்த தாமுரிகுடே தகாயமாயிட்ட அவிடம் ஒக்கயும்
 87. தாமுரி ஆக்கநமிச்ச இரிக்ககொண்டத்தே அவிடம் ரெக்கச்ச செந்ந-
 88. தேயிப்பான் தங்வுதிவராஞ்ஞத [II *] ஆவ்விடம்⁽⁴⁾ மும்பிலத்தேதானம் வரு-

Fifth Plate : Second Side.

89. வேளத்தக்க கும்பஞ்சியும் ஒருமிக்க நம்மாலாகுந்பெ-
 90. நபத்தணவ செய்யும் [II *] அனந்தரவர் காலத்தும் ஆவ்விடம் நம்[மு]டே தொ -
 91. ருபத்திலேகே ரெக்கச்ச செல்லு வாரு யோனம்கும்பஞ்சியும்
 92. ஒருமிச்ச வேண்டெந் பெறயத்தணம் சேதுகொள்ளணம் [II *] இ எழுதி இரிக்க-
 93. குந்ந பிறகாரம் விசாரிச்ச மேல்ப்பட்ட நடப்பு கொண்டால் நம்-
 94. முடே தொருபத்திலைலக்க ஓர் அந்தரம் வராதே இரிப்புகொள்ளுகயும் செய்யு-
 95. ம் [II *] அதின்ன ஒக்கயும் நம்முடே தொருபத்திலைலக்க வெகுமானப்பெட்ட கும்
 வஞ்-
 96. ளி தகாயமாயி இரிக்கயும் செய்யும் அப்பறகாரமத்தே நாம் கும்பஞ்சியே விச்சோதி-
 97. ச்ச இரிக்குந்ந [II *] இப்பறகாரம் செம்புதகட்டில் எ [மு] தி இக்கூடிய ஆளுகளை
 98. எல்லாவரயும் தாக்கியாயிவச்சும் கொண்ட ஒப்ப குத்திவச்ச ஆகுந்நத

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ll. 1—8. (This is) the royal command.⁽¹⁾ This is the message⁽²⁾ of ours written in the presence of the *prabhus* residing on the North and South of the (river) Kāñjirappulāi and the Vālai-prabhu⁽³⁾ and Aṇṇā-nambūri among the members of the Southern (groups of) villages of Vēṅgai-nāḍu, who were made the *dikkis*,⁽⁴⁾ in the temple of (the goddess) Bhagavati Paḷayanṇūr on the 29th of (the month) Meḍam in the year 320 of the Pudu-vappu era ; written in conformity with the agreement that was drawn after consulting here (*i.e.* with us) and there (*i.e.* with the Company) about how our *anantaravars* should behave towards the Company and thereby protect our family and how they should be on friendly terms with it (the Company).

ll. 8—17. We, having realised that the several reverses that befell us on account of the disturbances and dangers consequent upon the hatred⁽⁵⁾ existing between the members of the five collateral lines of our family on account of which even the *Paṇṇi*⁽⁶⁾ joined our enemy, —we have befriended ourselves with the Hon'ble the Lēnda Company, dropping our allegiance with the *Paṇṇis*; disarmed the enemy :⁽⁷⁾ made over to the Hon'ble the Lēnda⁽⁸⁾ Company

(4). Read ஆவ்விடம்.

(1). *Arulicchaiga* = Tam. *Aruliccheyygai*; literally, it means 'the act which the king is pleased to do.'

(2). *Vappu*; the correct form of this is the Tamil word *vaippu*, meaning 'anything that is kept.'

(3). Sanskrit words are often written as in the vulgar Tamil language, e. g., *vichchōdichu* for *viśvasich-chu*, *rekkichichu* for *rakshichichu*, *peragāram* for *prakāram*, *perabukkaḍ* for *prabukkaḍ*, *torūpan* for *svarūpan* &c. Hence there is no necessity for the employment of grantha letters or conjunct consonants.

(4). *Dikki* = one that represents (a country in) one direction.

(5). *Malttaram*, Sans. *matsaram* = selfishness, envy.

(6). *Paṇṇi*, the Indian form of Frank. It is applied here to the Portuguese.

(7). *Lēnda kummaṇṇi* = Holland Company, that is, the Hon'ble the Dutch East India Company.

(8). *Kōppu*, ammunition, supplies, baggage (Gundert). *Kōppu oḷichichu* = disarmed.

the fort at Kochehi which the *Paraṅgi* had formerly built ; and got this treaty which defines the duties of ourselves and the aforesaid Company (towards each other), written down (for us) here and (for the Company) there, on the 14th of (the month of) Miṇam in the 322nd. year of the Pudu-vappu era.

ll. 17—23. According to this, the forts at Kochehi, Koḍuññullūr and those at Paḷlippuram and Pāmbā, (the islands of) Pādirittiruttu,⁽⁹⁾ Poṭṭatturuttu and Venḍutturuttu enjoyed by the *Paraṅgis*, their produce and the slaves that were set apart as the servants of the *Paraṅgis* were written down as belonging (now) to the Hon'ble the Lenda Company.

ll. 23—31. The boundaries of the flat (piece of) land that was cleared outside the fort at Kochehi are :—to the north of our share (of it), to the north of the western boundary of the Naḍudal-paraṃbu ; to the west of (the place) where (the goddess) Bhagavati is ; to the north-east of this, to the north of the Tirumaṅgalattu-paraṃbu and the Chakkālakka-paraṃbu ; to the west of Iravēli and Kallupatti ; no one shall plant a seedling or tree within this area without the sanction of the Company.

ll. 31—34. If an affray⁽¹⁰⁾ between the men of the Company and ours takes place, those that are here and there (*i.e.*, with us both) shall, after receiving orders from here and there (from us and the Company) hand over the men of each side for punishment to their respective masters.

ll. 34—37. No succession fee shall be claimed from the seven classes⁽¹¹⁾ of men that were given by us to the Company for its service and from the men whom the *Paraṅgi*, having converted (to their faith)⁽¹²⁾ brought with them from the Kannaḍa districts ; nor can the persons of these be substituted by others.

ll. 37—39. (We should) take precaution that no pepper that grows in our kingdom is smuggled out of it, but get it weighed and delivered to the Company.

ll. 39—45. When the Company is in need of help, we should render it to them by supplying our men ; also make our men entertain friendly feelings towards the Company. Subsequently if we are confronted by an enemy, we should put down such with the help of the Company and thus protect our country and should behave ever and ever kindly towards the Hon'ble Company.

ll. 46—49. The Vaḍakkaṅkūru Nāyari⁽¹³⁾ rendered us sufficient help when we were in need of it ; therefore whenever he needs our help, we should give him all he wants and be (also) on friendly terms with him.

ll. 49—53. Whenever our family has not got sufficient heirs and adoption is found necessary, it shall not be taken from any but the Chāliyūr line⁽¹⁴⁾. Even if members are intended to be adopted from the Chāliyūr line, it shall not be done before consulting the Hon'ble Company about the advisability of such a step and taking its advice on the matter.

(9). *Tiruttu* is corruption of the Tamil *turutti* which means an island in a river.

(10). *Kaiyyōṛam* = disturbance of the peace as by an affray, brawl in the street, &c.

(11). *Paraḷa* is the *taibhava* of the Sans. *parishad* = an assemblage or group, hence, a community or class as in this instance.

(12). *Mārggam-kūṭṭi-kkoṇḍu varugai* = converting to (the Christian) religion and bringing the converts. Here it refers to the Goan and Konkani converts.

(13). This family of chiefs was subverted by Travancore whose pensioners they are at present. They are now known as the Rājas of Vaḍakkaṅkūru ; but the present document calls them simply Vaḍakkaṅkūru Nāyiri.

(14). The Cochin royal family consisted of five collateral branches or *tāy-valis*, of which Chāliyūr was one.

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U. 53—56. As the Ménons of Paliyam⁽¹⁵⁾ had exerted themselves with us for the good of this family, we should protect ever and ever their *taravāḍu*. (16)

U. 56—62. As we are obliged to protect individually the temples at Palayannūr, Tiruvallāmale, Tiruchchivappērūr, Ūrōtta, Irinñāḍakūḍa, Tiruvañjakkalam, Tiruppūṇittuṇa and Tiruvallā,⁽¹⁶⁾ we should do so in a regular manner. In due course, the Brāhmanas and the cows (living) in the above mentioned places should be protected and *yāgas* and other ceremonies be celebrated.

U. 62—70. When the Koñṇiṇi *mahājanam* visited our ancestors, lands for their dwelling and the necessities for protecting themselves were given to them; when they desired to have a temple for their worship, the land required for that purpose (erecting a temple), together with the royal orders⁽¹⁷⁾ in connection with the same, were given and arrangements for the celebration of festivals were made by our ancestors. We bind ourselves to conduct these in neither more nor less satisfactory manner and to protect this class (of our subjects) in exact accordance with the promises made by our ancestors.

U. 70—73. These subjects have rendered us monetary help during our reverses. (Therefore) these should be treated, in the matter of *raksha* (protection) and *siksha* (punishment), like brāhmanas and in no other way.

U. 73—77. When the Koñṇiṇi *mahājanam* came here to our ancestors and requested them to treat them as they were treated in Kaḍamalayālam, it was ordered that no succession fee⁽¹⁸⁾ should be levied on the Koñṇiṇis

U. 77—81. When a Koñṇiṇi died without heirs,⁽¹⁹⁾ our ancestors have ordered that our officers and the *mahājanams* shall take possession of his property and divide it in halves of which one shall go to us and the other to the temple of Tirumaladēva⁽²⁰⁾: in future also the same rule shall be in force.

U. 81—84. All the troubles that befell us are attributable to the negligence on the part of the members of our palace at Chitrakūṭam in Perumbalappu, in not worshipping the deities in the proper manner in which they have to be worshipped.

U. 84—91. Because there were internal dissensions in our family, the Sāmuri⁽²¹⁾ also joined in annexing all the places around it (Perumbalappu)⁽²²⁾ and thus disabled us from

(15). These are at present called the Achchans of Paliyam and claim a slight superiority over the common Nāyars. They were the hereditary prime ministers of the Rājas of Cochin till recently. One of the Pālyattu Achchans joined the famous Vēlu Tambi Daḷavāy who rose in rebellion against the British Government, and was consequently transported out of his country.

(16). The *ūranna* of this temple seems to have belonged to the brāhman rāja of Eḷapallī, who was first under the Cochin Government and subsequently came under the protection of Travancore. Then Tiruvallā (Tiruvallavā) also came under the management of the Government of Travancore.

(17). *Tiṭṭiyam*; the correct form of this word, says Gundert, is *tiṭṭu-varam*, which he says means, a charter, grant; a letter of the Cochin Rāja. It seems to be derived from the Tamil language which has 'Kai-tiṭṭi,' having applied his hand (that is, having signed); 'Kai-tiṭṭu,' latterly comes to mean, signature, and *Kai-tiṭṭu chārtri*, putting one's signature to. *Tiṭṭu-varam* = *kai-tiṭṭu-varudal*, that that comes after being duly signed.

(18). *Purushāntaram* = succession fee. When a person died and his heirs entered into the possession of his property, the latter had to pay to the Government a portion of the property or its equivalent.

(19). *Arū-ppōḍal* is the contracted form of *echcham* = *arūppōḍal*, or *santati-arūppōḍal*, becoming devoid of heirs.

(20). This is a richly endowed Koṅgiṇi temple situated in Cochin. It is, as seen above, a very modern temple. It maintains from its income a High School, a Sanskrit School and several other charities.

(21). The Zamorin of Calicut: later on he is called Tāmuri. (l. 85).

(22). The place from which the Rājas of Cochin derive their family name.

going there for offering worship. We should therefore, with the help of the Company, try our best in regaining our former possessions. Even (after us) in the days of our *anantaravars* all attempts, with the assistance of the Company, should be made to bring that (part of the) country under our protection.

ll. 91—94. If (our successors) conduct themselves in accordance with what is written above, there is no doubt that no sort of misfortune will visit our family.

ll. 94—96. For achieving all these, the Hon'ble Company will be helpful to our family and it was for that purpose we entered into friendship with the Company.

ll. 96—97. In this manner it was written on copper-plates, making all those that were present witnesses to this deed and signed (by us).

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Three Sanskrit Inscriptions at: Trevandram

THREE SANSKRIT INSCRIPTIONS AT TREVANDRAM

The three subjoined inscriptions are found in the Padmanābhasvāmin temple at Trevandram. They are all written in the Malayālam characters and are in tolerably good state of preservation. The language of the inscriptions is Sanskrit.

The first is engraved on the base of the **maṇḍapa** in front of the **Oṭṭaikkal maṇḍapa** in the Padmanābhasvāmin temple at Trevandram.

It states that king **Bālamārttāṇḍavarman**, the nephew (sister's son) of **Rāmavarman**, who was the sovereign of the Vāñchi country and was like a gem among kings, resolving to **rebuild the temple of Padmanābha**, which was burnt down sometime previously, and having taken beforehand the permission of Padmanābhēndrayōgi, summoned the famous brāhman architect known by the name of **Bālakāntra** and ordered him to reconstruct the temple from the **vimāna** down to the **dipaśālā**. The work was started on the 29th day of the month of Āni in the year **904** Kollam, represented by the chronogram **bhūnala**. In the regular course of time the central shrine, the **orṛaikkal maṇḍapa**, the surrounding porch, the **dipaśālā**, the **alaṅkāra maṇḍapa** and the **arthagriha** were finished. Then the images of Padmanābha, Lakshmi, Bhūmi, the **parivāras** and the serpent bed (of Vishṇu) were prepared. Finally, in the year **908** Kollam expressed by the chronogram **janadhi**, on the 3rd day of the month of **Paṅguṇi**, the **kumbhanyāsa** ceremony was celebrated.

The second record is also engraved on the base of the same **maṇḍapa** as the first.

It consists of a single verse in the **śālīni** metre and mentions that the brāhmin architect **Balarāṇya** (the same as the **Bālakāntāra** of the previous inscription) together with his son and disciples, being commanded by the king **Bālamārttāṇḍavarman**, made the image of Padmanābha very beautifully.

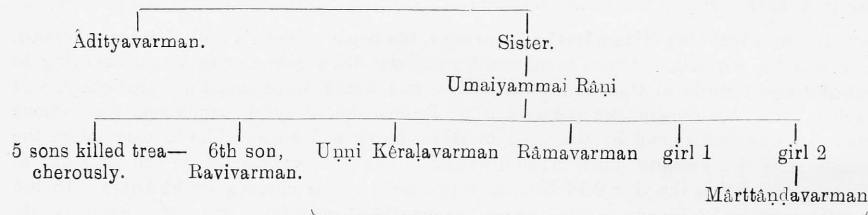
The third is found on the south and east of the large slab forming the base of the **Oṭṭaikkal-maṇḍapa** in front of the Padmanābhasvāmin temple, and consists of a single verse in the **śārdūlavikrīḍita** metre. It records that the big slab of stone required for the **orṛaikkal maṇḍapa** reached the precincts of the fort of Trevandram in the year **906** Kollam expressed by the chronogram **chinnidhi**, on the **Dvādaśi tithi** of the bright half of the month **Chaitra**, corresponding to a Thursday.

The king mentioned in these three inscriptions is the same as the **Bālamārttāṇḍavarman** who is famous in the history of this country. The author of the "History of Travancore" says that this king ascended the throne in the year 904 Kollam. If this is so, the temple repairs must have been taken on hand in the very year of the coronation of the king. About the rebuilding of the temple, Mr. Shangunny Menon has the following :—"While Elia Rajah, (heir apparent) His Highness had in view the repairing and reconstruction of the pagoda at Trevandram which had become old and dilapidated. In the very year of His Highness' accession, the pagoda work was commenced, and though its progress was impeded by the mischievous proceedings of the Ettu vittil pillaimars, yet with active and energetic supervision,

the whole work was completed in the year 906 M. E. (1731 A. D.)". Continuing further, he writes that "Twelve thousand salagramams (sacred stones representing the incarnation of Vishnu, obtained from the bed of the river Gunduck, north of Benares) were procured and with these the idol of Sri Padmanabhasvami was reconstructed. At the same time, a huge piece of granite slab cut out of a rock at Tirumalai, about four miles north of Trevandram, measuring 20ft. square and $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft. thick, was brought and placed in front of the idol of (Sri Padmanabhasvami) in the month of Edavom 906 M. E. (June).

We do not know from what sources Mr. Shanganunni Menon drew his materials but that they have yielded fairly accurate history goes without saying. The only point which has been omitted in the history is the date of consecration, but it is yielded by our inscription No. I.

As regards Rāmavarman, the uncle of Mārttāṇḍavarman, it is said therein that he was the younger brother of Uṇṇi Kēraḷavarman who died in 899 M. E. Rāmavarman succeeded his brother soon after the latter's death and reigned till 904 M. E. The following pedigree for prince Mārttāṇḍavarman is obtained from "The History of Travancore"—



Mārttāṇḍavarman is said to have reigned for 29 years during which period the kingdom of Travancore was vastly improved in extent and prosperity by the collaboration of his faithful and powerful general Rāma Ayyan Daḷavāy and Captain De Lanoy and latterly by Dewan Rāja Kēśava Dās.

I am told that there was a famous brāhman called Taikkāṭṭubhaṭṭāḍri, who was well versed in the silpāgama. The name Balakāntara or Balāranya might be then Sanskrit translations of Taikkāṭṭubhaṭṭāḍri.

TEXT

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स्वस्ति श्रो [॥*] कोळंवे भू [न]ळाख्ये रितकृति वृषगे वासरे भूप[सं]ख्ये वञ्चिक्षोणि ⁽¹⁾

मघोनः क्षितिपकुलमणे रामवर्माभिधस्य [॥*] स्वस्तीयस्सत्यधर्मा निरुपममहि[मा]

2 बालमार्त्ताण्डवर्मा पुष्टं ⁽²⁾ प्राग्वद्विध]तुम्भनसि निरचिनो[त] पत्ननाभीयगेहं । ⁽³⁾ [॥ १*]

प्राप्यानुज्ञां यथावत्स तु नृपतिवरः पत्ननामे ⁽⁴⁾ द्रयोगिश्रे-

(*) No. 35 of 1084 M.E.

(1) Read ०क्षोणि.

(2) Between पु and ष्टं, another ष्टं seems to have been engraved and erased.

(3) Read पत्ननाभीयगेहप.

(4) Read पत्ननामेन्द्र०.

- 3 छात् सम्मन्य शिल्पागम⁽⁵⁾ विशदमतिं बालकान्तरज्ञं⁽⁶⁾ [।*] भूदेवकागम[य्य]शिषदहिश
[यि]र्मुन्द⁽⁷⁾ र[न्दी]पशालापय्यन्तश्चाविम[।]-
- 4 नादतिरुचिरतरं कारुमिः⁽⁸⁾ करयेति [।*] एकात्रविंशवारे [ज]तुमजुपि रवो क्षेत्रनिर्माणकर्म
प्रारभ्याथ क्रमेण व्यरचयत त[त]श्चो-
- 5 विमानं विमानं⁽⁹⁾ [॥ २*] निर्माण्यैको[प]लम्पण्डपमपि च महामण्डपन्दीपशालायुक्ता-
न्दिङ्मण्डपांश्चारचय[दथ]
- 6 चालंकार⁽¹⁰⁾ सत्सार्द्धसप्त⁽¹¹⁾ (1) सम्यक् श्रीभूपरीवारक फणिसहितां पत्तनाभियमूर्तिं नि
[र्मा]प्याशेष[भू]पा अपिज-
- 7 नविमिजे कसरे मस्य भानौ कुम्भन्यासन्तृतीये विधिवश्च[दि]ने कारयित्वा⁽¹²⁾ शुकाद्यै-
श्शिल्यान्⁽¹³⁾ सम्मान्य
- 8 मपि गुरुणा कारयामास रात्रौ [॥ ३*] ⁽¹⁴⁾ ई श्लोकंङ्गळ् निर्मिच्चिद. ^(§)

No. II. (+)

- 1 स्वस्ति श्री [।*] आज्ञात इश्रवालमार्त्ताण्डराजो बालारण्यक्षोणिदेवस्सपुत्रः [।*] मूर्तिं
2 सम्य [ङ्नि]र्ममि पाप्मना[भी] ⁽¹⁵⁾ शिष्यैर्विप्रैश्च[रा]वैस्सरामैः । [।*] ⁽¹⁶⁾

No. III. (+)

- 1 अत्रे विनिधिस[मि]ने श्रितलसत्तुगे पतिंगे⁽¹⁷⁾ सिद्धादश्यां चरमाद्यमे गुरुदिने लघ्ने कुळो-
2 रे वरे [।*] प्राकारान्तरना⁽¹⁸⁾ व्यनन्तशयितुः[।*] श्री बालमार्त्ताण्डभूपालनैक[दृष]त् सुखे[न]
मनुजाः क[ल्प]न्तमालोक्यताम् ॥ ⁽¹⁹⁾

(5) One letter has been erased between ग and म.

(6) Read संज्ञम्.

(7) Read मन्दिर०.

(8) There is an erasure between the consonant क and its secondary ā symbol.

(9) Read विमानम्.

(10) Though not the metre, the sense requires चा in चालङ्कार०.

(11) Read सत्सार्द्धसप्त.

(12) The *anusvāra* is engraved below the line.

(13) Read शिल्पिं ; शिल्यान् was mistakenly written for शिल्पिनं.

(14) Metre.

(§) In Malayālam language ; badly damaged.

(†) No. 33 of 1084 M.E.

(15) Read पाद्म०.

(16) Metre शालिनी.

(†) No. 32 of 1084 M.E.

(17) Read पतङ्गे.

(18) The secondary ā symbol of ना is engraved below.

(19) Metre शार्दूलविकीर्तितम्.

Translation

No. I.

Verse 1. Hail Prosperity! In the Kollam year 904 (denoted by the chronogram 'Bhūṇaḷa') when the sun was in Vṛishabha, on the 14th day (denoted by the chronogram 'Bhūpa') the truth-preserver, Bālamārttāṇḍavarman of incomparable greatness, (who was) the nephew (sister's son) of the gem of the royal family (and) the Indra of the Vañchi kingdom, named Rāmavarman, thought in his mind of constructing as it was before the temple of Padmanābha, which was burnt down.

Verse 2. Having obtained duly the permission from the best of *Yogis*, Padmanābhendra, the good king sent for the Brāhmaṇa named Bālakāntāra, who had a clear knowledge in the science of architecture and after consulting (with him) ordered (him) thus :—"Get the temple of Abhisayitṛi (He who lies on the serpent, i.e., Padmanābha) constructed most beautifully by architects (beginning) from the *vimāna* down to the *dīpaśālās*."

Verse 3. Beginning the work of building the temple on the 29th day, when the sun was in *Jatuma* (i.e., the month of Āṇi) he then constructed gradually the *śrīvimāna*. Having caused to be constructed also the single-stone *maṇḍapa*, the *mahāmaṇḍapa*, the *dīnmaṇḍapas*, together with the *dīpaśālās*, (he) afterwards built the *alaṅkāra śadma* and the *arthasadma*.

Verse 4. Having well constructed the figure of Padmanābha along with (those) of Sri (Lakshmi) Bhū, and (their) train (of attendants &c.) and the serpent (Ananta) and having also made all ornaments, the king caused the *Kumbhanyāsa* (ceremony) to be performed in conformity with the rules, on the 3rd day of Paṅguṇi, in the (Kollam) year 908 (expressed by the chronogram 'janadhi') and after honouring the artisans with cloths, &c., he caused to be set up at night by (his) preceptor.

These verses were composed by.....

No. II.

Hail Prosperity! Under the command of the king Śrī Bālamārttāṇḍa, the brāhmaṇ, Bālaraṇya, with his sons, constructed well the figure of Padmanābha along with (his) pupils and brāhmaṇs, such as Śaṅkara and Rāma.

No. III.

In (the Kollam year) 906 (denoted by the chronogram 'chinnidhi') when the sun was in (its) shining summit, on Thursday, the twelfth day of the bright half (of the) month of the penultimate star, (i.e. Uttarābhādrapada) during the good *lagna* of *kulira* (cancer), the single stone (the large slab of stone) was brought within the *prākāra* of (the temple of) Anantaśayitṛi (i.e., Padmanābha) by the king Śrī Bālamārttāṇḍa, (O!) men! let (it) be seen (by you) with pleasure to the end of this *kalpa*.

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No. VI

Some Inscriptions of the later Pandyas or the
Decline of the Pandya Power

Preface

On the eastern border of Travancore in the villages of Śeṅgōṭṭai, Śāmbūr-vaḍa-karai etc., adjoining Tenkāśi, are a number of inscriptions of the later Pāṇdyas. The exact position of those kings in the History of South India, their geneology and chronology are best studied only with the help of a large number of inscriptions collected especially from the temple of Viśvanāthasvāmin at Tenkāśi and the adjacent parts. For some time past I have been studying this interesting period of South Indian History which I am now enabled to publish by the kind encouragement of the Government of His Gracious Highness the Mahārāja of Travancore. Some inscriptions first discovered by me in the ruined *gōpura* in front of the Viśvanāthasvāmin temple and which were subsequently reviewed in his Annual Report¹ by Mr. F. Krishna Sastri, B.A., the Assistant Superintendent of Archaeology, Madras, have thrown a flood of light on the chronology of the period under study. My thanks are due to my friend, Mr. M. K. Narayanasami Ayyar, B.A., B.L., of the High Court Bar, Madras, who was good enough to secure for me excellent impressions of a number of copper-plate grants belonging to one Anantāchārya of the Daḷavāy-agraḥaram, Madura. Of these, three belong to the later Pāṇḍya kings. These are also incorporated into this paper as they are invaluable for the geneological portion of the history of these princes. While travelling in the Śrīvilliputtūr Talūka some time ago, I procured a set of copper-plates of the time of Abhirāma Pāṇḍya. This, as also a number of extracts from unpublished inscriptions from the various parts of the Tinnevely District, are also included for the better elucidation of the history of the decline of the Pāṇḍya power in the south.

I have thus been able to piece up together the last third of the history of the once famous family of the Pāṇdyas for three and a half centuries and hope that future researches might bring out facts which would supplement this sketch of what might be called the 'decline and downfall' of the Pāṇdyas and make it fuller and more complete.

I am sorry I am obliged to disagree in many points pertaining to the interpretation given by Mr. Krishna Sastri to the inscriptions at Tenkāśi and also about his identification of certain kings with those already known. I have indicated in the foot-notes where I have disagreed with him.

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(1) Annual Report on Epigraphy for the year 1910.

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General Introduction.

The history of the Pāṇdyas was hitherto enshrouded in a dense gloom. The discovery of the two Śiṅṅamaṇūr plates ¹ and the two stone inscriptions at Āṇaimalai ² has thrown a flood of light on the early Pāṇḍya period. In the light of these documents the value of the Madras Museum Plates ³ and the Velvikūḍi grant ⁴ of Jaṭilavarman was brought out prominently. All these documents, together with a few ancient Tamiḷ classical historical poems, ⁵ yield the history of this illustrious race of kings for at least a period of three centuries beginning with the middle of the 8th century A. D.

Our knowledge of the mediæval period, which succeeded the ancient one, and during which occur a large number of Sundara Pāṇḍyas, Vikrama Pāṇḍyas, etc., is still in a very unsatisfactory condition. Nor are we in a better position as regards our acquaintance with the modern period. The discovery of the Pudukkōṭṭai plates, ⁶ the three Dalavāy-agrahāram copper records, the Śrīvilliputtūr grant and the stone inscriptions discovered in the ruined *gōpura* in front of the Viśvanāthasvāmīn temple at Tenkāśi clear the ground to a very large extent. An examination of many more unpublished lithic records, extracts from which are given in the body of the paper, has supplied many a link which is not obtained in the above mentioned documents. Incidentally these throw also side lights on the relationship existing between the later Pāṇḍyas and the Nāyakas of Madura and consequently between them and the suzerain lord, the emperor of Vijayanagara. The records help us in the elucidation of some periods in the history of the Tamiḷ literature; for example, the age of Ativirarāma Pāṇḍya, the author of the superb Tamiḷ poem, the Naishadam and of Varatuṅgarāma Pāṇḍya, the no less illustrious cousin of the former, who has written the Brahmōttara-kāṇḍam etc., have become possible to be fixed definitely.

The Pudukkōṭṭai plates contain a detailed geneology of the later Pāṇḍyas. After giving the *paurāṇic* and the mythical geneology, the document proceeds to the real historical pedigree. It says that in this illustrious dynasty were born two brothers named **Abhirāma Parākrama** and **Ahavarāma**. The latter had a son called **Śrīvallabha**. He was renowned as the 'establisher of the Pāṇḍya kingdom.' In the family to which this Śrīvallabha belonged were born another **Śrīvallabha** and a **Mānābharana**. The former seems to have seen the temple at Rāmēśvaram covered with copper sheets (?), whereas the latter built a *sabha* at Jayantipura and the temple of Viśvanāthasvāmīn at Dakṣhiṇa-Kāśi.

To Abhirāma Parākrama were born two sons, **Parākrama** and **Śālivātipati**. The latter had two sons of whom one was named Ativirarāma Pāṇḍya. He was a master in literary composition and rivalled even Bhōja. After his death his brother **Śrīvallabha** was crowned by the ministers.

(1) Madras Epigraphist's Annual Report for the year 1907, p. 63.

(2) *Ep. Ind.* Vol. VIII. pp.

(3) *Ind. Ant.* Vol. XXII. pp. 57—75.

(4) *Ann. Rep.* on Epigraphy for the year 1908 p. 62.

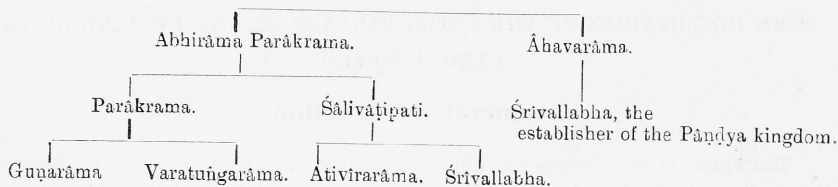
(5) Such as Iraiyaṇār Agapporuḷ etc., *See Ind. Ant.* Vol. XXXVII pp. 193—198.

(6) *Ann. Rep.* on Epigraphy for 1906, p. 72.

Parākrama, the first son of Abhirāma Parākrama begot two sons, **Gunarāma** and **Varatungarāma**. The relationship existing between the various kings mentioned in the above might be tabulated as follows :—

Mānābharapa, the builder of the *sabhā* at Jayantipura and the Viśvanāthasvāmī temple at Dakṣhiṇa-Kāsi.

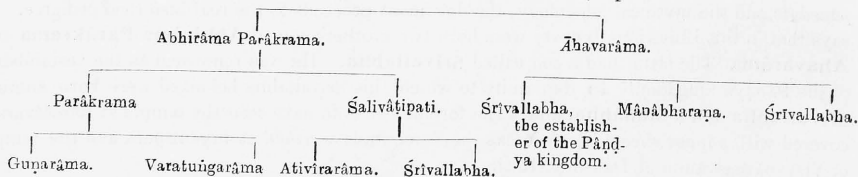
Śrīvallabha, who saw the temple of Rāmēśvaram covered with copper sheets.



Appended below are a number of extracts from unpublished inscriptions ; the facts brought to light by them have been utilised in this paper for the elucidation of a more or less complete history of the later Pāṇḍyas. Ext. 1. informs us that **Jaṭilavarman Kulaśekharaḍeva** who lived in Ś. 1324 was, at the time of engraving the inscription from which this extract is taken, sojourning at Vasudēvanallūr. Ext. 2 states that he repaired the central shrine, arddha-maudapa, etc., of the Siva shrine in the Subrahmanyasvāmī temple at Ilāṅgi near Tirukkuttālam.

Ext. 3.—The year Ś. 1377 corresponded with the 31+2nd year of another king named **Parakrama Pāṇḍyadeva**. The date of accession of this king would then become Ś. 1344. Inscription No. IV edited below states that in the year Ś. 1384 corresponding to the 31+9th year of the king Jaṭilavarman Tribhuvanachakravartin **Arikesarideva alias Parākramaḍeva**, the Viśvanāthasvāmī temple was begun to be constructed. The Parākrama mentioned in ext. 3 must be identical with the same person referred to in No. IV. The circumstances under which this temple with all its appurtenances was built are detailed in the same record. It informs us that the god Viśvanātha appeared to the king in his dream, gave him to understand that His temple at Kāsi became dilapidated and that a fresh one should be built for Him on the north bank of the river Chitraradi in the Teṇṇarīnāḍu. The king accordingly began the temple works in the year Ś. 1368. The same fact is alluded to in the Pudukkōṭṭai plates as also in inscription Nos. II and III*. In the historical introduction to No. II, the king claims victory over some opponents,

(7). In his Annual Report on Epigraphy for the year 1906 Mr. Venkayya makes out the relationship between the various kings mentioned in the Pudukkōṭṭai plates thus :—



There is not the slightest hint in the document itself for the supposition that Mānābharapa and Śrīvallabha were the brothers of 'the establisher of the Pāṇḍya kingdom.'

* In spite of these records, Mr. Kṛishṇa Śāstri affirms that the king only began the repairs of the temple and in doing so he took up the central shrine first for that purpose and removed the image from the central shrine to another spot. Perhaps he is not aware of the technical meaning of the term *karṣhaṇa* as used in building and architecture and hence he reads this word elsewhere as *ākaraṣhaṇa* (see the list of Teṇkāṣi inscriptions given in his Report.)

| No. | Place of Inscription | Śaka year | Regnal year | Subject-matter of the extract | Extract |
|-----|---|-----------|-------------|---|---|
| 1 | On the south wall of the <i>maṇḍapa</i> in front of the <i>mahāmāṇḍapa</i> of the Śiva temple at Karivalam-vandanallūr. | 1324 | ... | The King Jatiḷ. Tribh. Kulasekharadeva while staying at Vāsudevanallūr ordered this inscription to be engraved. | Śakabdam 1324ḷ Kōi-Jaṭiḷavarṇamarāpa tri-bhuvapa cksakravarti Sri Kulasekharadeva Śivasudevanallūr elundaruḷi irundu tiruvāymoliṇḍ = aruḷi tirukkai-viṭaiyāṇḍipa tirumugam. |
| 2 | On the west base of the central shrine of the Tiruppāgīsvara shrine in the Subrahmaṇya temple at Ilaiji. | Ś1331 | 13+1 | Mār. Tribh. Kulasekharadeva. | Alagaṇ Kulasekharadeva repaired the central shrine, <i>aradhamaṇḍapa</i> , &c., which were dilapidated. |
| 3 | On the south wall of the second <i>prākāra</i> of the Kuttalan & thasvāmin temple at Tirukkuraḷam. | 1377 | 31+2nd. | Parakramadeva's inscription with a date and astronomical details. | Śakabdam 1377 mēl śellāṇḍipa [naṇ] kumārāṇ Parakkīra [ma*] Pāṇḍyadevaṅku yāṇḍu 31 vadin edir ybāṇḍavādu Mīna nāyirru irubatt = eṭṭān = diya diyum Pūrvapakshattu Shashtiyum Tūṅgaṭ-kiḷamalyum peṇṇa Mīgasirshattu naḷ . . |
| 4 | On the west base of the central shrine of the Vāḍaperuṅgōyilndaiyān temple at Srivillipūtūr. | 1395 | 2+42 | Kulasekharadeva's inscription; mentions his son Parakrama Pāṇḍyadeva. | Śakabdam āyirattu-munḍūru toṇḍūr = aṇḍiṇ mēl śellāṇḍipa naṇ = kumārāṇ Kulasekharadevaṅku yāṇḍu yiva [pḍavadi] n [e] dir nāpate = irāṇḍavādu Kaṇṇi nāyirru patti-badān = diya di [yu] m Aparā-pakshatti = a [shtami] yum Sukravaramu peṇṇa Āyili-yattunāḷ naṇ = kumārāṇ Kulasekharadevaṇ magāṇ Parakkīra Pāṇḍyadevaṅku |

| No. | Place of Inscription | Saka year | Regnal year | Subject-matter of the extract | Extract |
|-----|---|-----------|-------------|--|---|
| 5 | On the north wall of the <i>Mahāmāṇḍapa</i> of the Visvanāthasvāmīn temple at Tenkāśi. | 1395 | 2+42 | Kulaśekharaḍēva built an audience hall for the God Visvanātha at Tenkāśi. | Śakābdam āyirattu-muṇṇūṇṇuṭ = 100000 = anjñ mēl sellānīṇṇa nam kumārāṇ. Kulaśekharaḍēvaṅku yāṇḍu irāṇḍavāḍiṇ edir nāṇṇattu-irāṇḍavādu . . . nam kumārāṇ Alagūṇ-Perumāḷ Kulaśekharaḍēvaṅ namaku olakka-naṇḍapamum tēṇi pērālē paṇi-ṣey vitu-tiādu . . . |
| 6 | On the south base of the <i>Mahāmāṇḍapa</i> of the Āṇḍāl temple at Śrīvilliputtūr. | 1375 | ... | Mentions that Maduraimaṇḍalam simai belonged to Uṇḡavillidā [sa*] in Mahāvalivāṇḍarāyār. | Śakābdam 1375/ mēl sellānīṇṇa Śrīmukha vaṇṣam: . . . Uṇḡavillidā [sa*] in āṇa Mahāvalivāṇḍarāyār sīrmai āṇa Madurai-Maṇḍalattu Muṭṭiāṇṇu Tiṇiyāṇ āṇa Tiru-vaṇḡavallūr . . . |
| 7 | On the north base of the central shrine in the Visvanāthasvāmīn temple at Tenkāśi. | 1421 | 20 | Parākrama Paṇḍyaḍēva alias Kulaśekharaḍēva, born in the Kārttigai nakshatram. | Kārttigai nāl piṇḍa Parākkīrama Paṇḍya-ḍēvar āṇa Kulaśekharaḍēvar nam yāṇḍu iruḍaḍavādu . . . |
| 8 | On the south wall of the <i>Mahāmāṇḍapa</i> of the Saṅkaratāyana temple at Saṅkaratāyanaikōyil. | 1428 | 2+31 | Jatil. Tribh. Alagūṇ-Perumāḷ Parākkīrama Paṇḍyaḍēva, born in the Aṇṇi-nakshatram. | Śakābdam āyirattu nāṇṇu iruḍattēṇi mēl sellānīṇṇa Sri Kō-chChattavāṇmar = āṇa tribhuvana chakravartigēḷ Aṇṇittu nāl piṇḍa nam kumārāṇ Alagūṇ Perumāḷ Parākkīrama Paṇḍyaḍēvaṅku yāṇḍu irāṇḍavāḍiṇ edir mupatt = oṇṇṇavādu . . . |
| 9 | On the south wall of the <i>Maṇḍapa</i> in front of the central shrine of the Āṇḍāl temple at Śrīvilliputtūr. | 1398 | ... | Sundaratōḷaiyār, son of Mahāvalivāṇḍarāyār, Śrīmāt Tirumālirūṇḷaiṇṇār. | Śakābdam 1398/ mēl sellānīṇṇa Duṇṇuki vaṇṣam Vaigāsi m. * 22 ā +. Śrīmād Mūvarāyira-gaṇḍaṇ irāṇṇisara-gaṇḍaṇ mādyaḍa maṇṇavar maṇvālāṇ samara-kōlakalaṇ virakāṇḍukāṇ buvaṇḍaviraṇ bōḷaḷogōḷaṇ baṭṭamaṇḡattāṇ Śrīmatu Tirumālirūṇḷai-ṇṇār āṇa Māvalivāṇa- (a) darāyār kumār Sundaratōḷaiyār. |

* m. stands for the symbol for month, and + d. for date.

| No. | Place of Inscription | Saka year | Regnal year | Subject-matter of the Extract | Extract |
|-----|---|------------------|-------------|---|--|
| 10 | Same as No. 8, above ... | 1399 | ... | Tirumalirunjōlai-niṇṇar Ma-valivāṇaḍaiyar. | Sakābdam 1399ṇ mēl śellāṇṇa Eṇṇāmbi varuṣkam Vāḷgāsi mādam irubadān-diyadi Śrīman mūvarāyagaḍān, &c., &c., &c. Śeṇḍatu Tirumalirunjōlai-niṇṇar āṇa Ma-valivāṇaḍaiyar koṭuttā dharṇma dāna-ppaṭṭaiyam . . . |
| 11 | On the west wall of the <i>Mahāmāṇḍapa</i> of the Viṣṇuātōṣavāmin temple at Tenkāśi. | 1412 | 11 | Parākṛama Paṇḍiyadeva <i>alias</i> Kulāśekaradeva. | Sakābdam āyirattu nāṇṇṇu orubattiṇṇāḷḷi nam kumārāṇ Parākṛama Paṇḍiyadeva-iaṇṇa Kulāśekaradevaṅku yāṇḍu paḍiṇṇōṇṇā-vadu Kumbha ṇāyaṇṇu, &c. . . . |
| 12 | On the south wall of the <i>Mahāmāṇḍapa</i> of the Śiva shrine in the Śaṅkaranāyanār-kōvil. | 1428 | 2+31 | Jaṭil. Tribh. Parākrama Paṇḍiyadeva, born in the Aṇṇiṭṭa nakṣatra. | Sakābdam āyirattu nāṇṇṇu irubattiṇṇāḷḷi mēl sellāṇṇiṇṇa Śrī kō-Jaṭilavarṇmar-āṇa Tri-bhuvana chekavarttiṇṇāḷḷi Aṇṇiṭṭu nāl piṇḍa nam kumārāṇ Aḷegōṇ-Perumāl Parākrama Paṇḍiyadevaṅku yāṇḍu irāṇ-ṇāvaḍiṇṇ eḍir muppaṭṭeṇṇavadu . . . |
| 13 | On the east base of the <i>Mahāmāṇḍapa</i> of the Aṇṇḷai temple at Śivilliputtūr. | 1456
Jaya | ... | Gō-Jaṭilavarṇman Kulāśekharadeva, "who brought back the past." | Gō-Jaṭilavarṇmarāṇa iṇḍa-kālam = eḍuṭṭa Kulāśekharadevaṅku Sakābdam 1456 Jaya |
| 14 | | 1457
Manmatha | ... | Jaṭil. Tribh. Kōṇṇmai koṇḍāḷḷi Kulāśekharadeva "who brought back the past." | Sakābdam āyirattu nāṇṇṇu-aiṇbaṭṭ-āḷḷi mēl śellāṇṇiṇṇa Maṇmata varuṣkam, &c. . . . Abavāṇa ma buvaṇkāvira, &c. . . . Jaṭilavarṇmarāṇa tribhuvana [nandana] Kō-Jaṭilavarṇmarāṇa tribhuvana chekavarttiṇṇāḷḷi Kōṇṇmaikoṇḍāḷḷi iṇḍa-kālam-eḍuṭṭa Perumāl Kulāśekharadeva |

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| 15 | On the south wall of the <i>Mahamandapa</i> of the Adddhanarivara temple at Vāsudevanallūr. | 1459 | 3rd. | Tribbh. Kōn. Jaṭil Śrīvallabha-dēva, "who brought back the past." | Āhavarāmanandana śahitya sārvaḥauma-tribhuvana-cha-kravartī. Kōrēmaikōṇ-ḍaṇ kō-jaṭilavarmmar-āpa iṇanda-kālam = eḍutta Perumal Śrīvallabhadēvar Saka-bdam 1419 l uṭṭu mūṇṇāvadu Eviḷambi samvatsaratu |
| 16 | On the south base of the <i>Mandapa</i> in front of the central shrine in the Śiva temple at Karivalam-vandanallūr. | 1466 | [10th] | Jaṭil. Tribbh. Kōn. Śrīvallabha, "who brought back the past." Mentions Tirunel-vēlperumal, son of Abhirāma-Parākrama [Pāṇḍya-dēva]. | Śakābdam 1466 p mēl . . . kō-jaṭila [va] um-marāna tribhuvā [na] chechakravartī kō-nērmaikōṇḍaṇ iṇanda-kālam-eḍutta Peru-mal Śrīvallabhadēvatu yāḍu patā . . . ! Abhirāma-Parākrama Pāṇḍya dēvar nandanarāṇa Tirunelvēlperumal-aya nām |
| 17 | Do. | 1470 | 5th | Tribbh. Kōn. Śrī Perumal Parākrama Pāṇḍyadēva born in the Aśvati-nakshatram. | Śakābdam 1470 l mēl sellaniṇṇa nam kumārāṇ Aśvati-na [kshatratitu Jāta] rāṇa tribhuvana-cha-kravartī kōrēmaikōṇ-ḍaṇ |
| 18 | On the north wall of the <i>supriamandapa</i> of the Visvanāthasvamin temple at Tenkasi. | 1471
Saumya | 7th | Jaṭil. Tribbh. Kōn. Kulase-kharadēva <i>alias</i> Parakkirama Pāṇḍyadēva. | Śakābdam 1471 . . . Kō-jaṭilavarmmarāṇa tribhuvana-cha-kravartī kōrēmaikōṇ-ḍaṇ Abhirāma-Parākrama dēvar nandanarāṇa nam kumārān Kulasekara-dēvaṇāgiya Parakkirama Pāṇḍyadēvaṅku yāḍu eḷā-vadu Saumya samvatsaratu |
| 19 | Tenkasi | 1473 | 8th | Jaṭil. Tribbh. Kōn. Śrī Perumal Abhirāma Parākrama Pāṇḍyadēvar āṇa (?) Śrī Perumal Kulasekara-dēva <i>alias</i> Parākrama Pāṇḍyadēva Tribbh. Kōn. Kulasekharadēva son of Abhirāma Parākrama Pāṇḍyadēva. | Śakābdam 1473 . . . Kō-jaṭilavarmmar-āṇa tribhuvana-cha-kravartīgāl Śrī Perumal Abhirāma Parākrama Pāṇḍyadēvarāṇa (? dēvar nandanarāṇa) Śrī Perumal Kulasekara-dēva [rāṇa] Parākrama Pāṇḍya-dēvaṅku yāḍu 8 āvadu Virodikrit |

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| 20 | On the south wall of a shrine situated on the north side of the second <i>prākāra</i> of the Viśvānāthasvāmin temple at Tenkāśi. | 1482 | 20 | Tribhu. Kōṇ. Kulasekhara-deva son of Abhirāma Parākrama Pāṇdyadeva. | Śakābdam 1482] mēl sellāṇiṇṇa . . . mma-rāna tribhuvanechchokhravari kōṇēriṇ-mai koṇḍaṇ Abhirāma Parākra [ma Pāṇ-diya-devar nandanar = āṇa] vira-veṇbā-mālayaṇ dharuma-perumal Kulasekhara-devarku yaṇḍu inbadavadu Raudri savvatsarattu. |
| 21 | On the north base of the central shrine of the Vaḍaperuṇḍōyiladaiyān temple at Sīvilliputtūr. | 1483 | 11 | Abhirāma Parākrama's son, Trinelveipperumal Kulasekhara, his son Śrīvallabha born in the Pūnarvasu nakshatra. | Śakābdam 1483] mēl [sel] laṇṇiṇṇa Svasti Śrī Kōṇēṇmaikoṇḍaṇ Abhirāma Parākrama Pāṇdyadevar nandanar = āṇa Śrī Perumal Trinelveipperumal vira-veṇbā-mālayaṇ dharumapperumal Kulasekhara-devarkiyāṇḍu 11 [āvaḍu] Duṇḍu [bbi] saṭtsarattu Utta [raṇṇa ²] ttu saṅkrama punya-kālatu hēnanta iṭṭuvil maḥakara-talaiyum pūrvva-pakshattu Ekādasiyūn Sōmavāramum Subhayōgamum subhakarāṇamum peṇṇa Hastē nakshatra] ttu maḥ Pūnarvasu nakshatrattu jātār āṇa Śrī Perumal Śrīvallabha-devar = ā [ṇa] nām. |
| 22 | On the south base of the <i>Mahamāṇḍapa</i> of the Kuttalarāthasvāmin temple at Tirukkutālam. | 1492 | 7 | Aṭivirāma <i>alias</i> Śrīvallabha-deva. | Śakābda [m ²] 1492 1 mēl sellāṇiṇṇa svasti Śrī Kō-jaiṭṭavarammāṇa tribhavana = chobakravatti kōṇēṇmaikoṇḍaṇ Śrī Perumal Alagaṇ Perumal Aṭivirāmaṇṇa Śrī vallabha-devarku yaṇḍu ēlāvaḍu Vibhava-nāyarū-Apara-pakshattu Pāṇchamiyūn Sōmavāramum subhayōgamum Vāṭābha-karāṇamum peṇṇa Anishattu nāl. . . |

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| 23 | On the west base of the central shrine of the Kulasekharan—udaiyār temple at Teṭkasi. | ... | ... | Ativirāma <i>alias</i> Śrivalḷabha-dēva. | Punarvasu nakshatrattu jātara = āṇa Śrī Perumāl Aḷagaṇ-perumāl Ativirāmaṇṇi āya Śrivalḷabbadēvar = āṇa nām Uḍaiyār Kulasekharanābhayakum Kulavāy-nāṇ-gai-Nāchechiyarukku karṣanādi pratish-thāntam upānādi stūlpariāntam tirup-paiyūm seyvittu Kulasekharanābhāi-yum Kulavāy-nāṇ-gai-Nāchechiyāriyūm parivāra-dēvaṭaiyalaiyūm pratishthittu etc. Kō-māṇavarmanar = āṇa tribhuvanaachokak-karavartigaḷ kōṇērmakkoṇḍaṇ Śrī Sundara Pāṇḍyadēvaṅku yāṇḍu [ira] ṇḍu edir 15 Śakābdam 1499 ṇ mel Sellāṇiṇṇa Kaṇṇi-ravi etc. |
| 24 | On the west base of the <i>Maḷamanāḍapa</i> of the Vadaperuṇḍōviltu dāiyāṇ temple at Srivilliputtūr. | 1499 | 2+15 | Māṇavarman Tribh. Kōṇ. Śrī Sundara Pāṇḍyadēva. | Śakābdam 1499 l Sellāṇiṇṇa nām Kumāraṇṇi Perumāl Parākkirāma Pāṇḍyadēvarukku āṇḍu 5 vadu Pilavaṅga V., Kārttigai m., 29 d., nām Kumāraṇ svattii Śrī bhuvanēkavira etc. etc. . . dēva-brahmaṇya sthābhanāchāriya Aḷagaṇ-Perumāl Par-[a*]kkirāma Pāṇḍyadēva-ṇaṇḍaṇa K [ō] -jaṇḍi-vārmma-tribhuvana-ebakravartii kō-ṇiṇṇaṇḍi*] kōṇḍaṇ Asvatīnakshatrattu sātāṇaṇa nām kumāraṇ Tiruvelvilp-perumāl |
| 25 | On the north wall of the first <i>prākāra</i> of the Śiva temple at Kaivalam-vandanallūr. | 1499 | 5 | Parākrama Pāṇḍyadēva | Śakābdam 1527 l mel sellāṇiṇṇa |
| 26 | On the north base of the <i>Maḷamanāḍapa</i> of the Kūttalanābhavāmin tem-ple at Tirukkuttālam. | 1527 | 42 | Ativirāma <i>alias</i> Śrivalḷabha-dēva. | Kō-jaṇḍilavarmmaṇaṇa tribhuvanaachokakra-vartii Kōṇērmakkoṇḍaṇ Śrī [Rājara*] Aḷagaṇṇa Ativirāmaṇṇaṇa Śrivalḷabha-dēvaṅku āṇḍu 42 vadu Viśvāvasu saṇvat-sarattu. |

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| 27 | On the north wall of the 1st <i>prākāra</i> of the Śiva temple at Karivalamvandanallūr. | 151 × | 10 | Varatūṅgarāma <i>alias</i> Vira | ... Jaṭṭilavarimmarāṇa Varatūṅgarāmanāṇa Vira Pāṇḍiyadēvarkku āṇḍu patāvadu. . |
| 28 | On the north base of the central shrine of the Viśvanāthasvāmīn temple at Tenkāśi. | ... | ... | Jaṭṭil. Tribh. Parākrama, the builder of the Viśvanāthasvāmīn temple. | ... Vitarapa-vinōḍa-vaḷa-nāṭṭu nām nava-māga = kkaṇḍa Viśvanāṭṭa = ppēr = ērikku = pperunāṭṭeḷḷaiy—āvadu. . . . |
| 29 | On the south wall of the <i>Mahāmanḍapa</i> of the Śrī-mulanāthasvāmīn temple at Sāmbūr-Vadagarai. | Ś15 [3] 8 Naḷa. | 3rd | Perumal Śivala-Māraṇ <i>alias</i> Varagunarāma Pāṇḍya Kulasekhara Somāśiyar. | "Śakabdam Ś15 [3] 8, Naḷa, . . . Perumāl Śivala-Māraṇ Varaguna-rāmaṇ = āṇḍa Pāṇḍiya Kulasekara Somāśiyāṭṭu āṇḍu mōṇṇāvadu . . . |

whose names are not given, at Śiṅgai, Aṇurai, Irāśai, Śeṇbai, Vindai, Mudalai, Virai, and Vaippāṇ. Of these, the battle of Śeṇbai, (Champakavanam), was fought with the Chēra by the command of the presiding deity of that place. (No. XII v. 10.) He is said to have set up five *agrahāras* beginning with Vindai. He also constructed a large tank named the Viśvānāthappērēri. (Ext. 28.).

Arikēśari Parākrama was a great devotee of Śiva. (No. II. 11.1-2). Besides the Viśvānāthasvāmin temple already mentioned, he has constructed a *sabhā* at Jayantipura, a *maṇḍapa* to each of the gods at Marudūr, (Tiruppuḍai-marudūr), and at Śeṇbagavanam and richly endowed the temple of Śalivaṭṭisvara at Tinnevely. He seems to have been born in the Mṛigasirsha *nakshatra*. (No. IV. 11. 12-13.).

In the year 1379 Ś, Arikēśari began to construct the *gōpura* in front of the Viśvānāthasvāmin temple at Teṇkāśi. It took six years to complete the stone basement; at the end of this period Arikēśari breathed his last⁽⁹⁾. This last fact is said in one of the inscriptions edited below, (No. III v. 13) to have taken place in the year Ś 1385. on the Chitra *nakshatra* of the month, Mārgaḷi, full moon.

The king bore the surnames *Mānābharana*, *Mānakavacha* and *Arikesari*⁽¹⁰⁾. In all the Vijayanagara grants of the second or the Tuḷuva dynasty, Narasā Nāyaka, the father of the distinguished Kṛṣṇadēva Rāya, is said to have defeated a king of Madura named Mānabhūsha. We know that Narasā Nāyaka lived about the time of the first usurpation of the Vijayanagara kingdom by Śaḷuva Narasiṃha about A. D. 1470 and distinguished himself in the latter's service. This period agrees very well with that of Parākrama Pāṇḍya. Hence, I have remarked in my paper on the Kṛṣṇapuram plates of Sadāśiva Rāya, (Ep. Ind. Vol. IX. p. 336), that the king defeated by Narasā Nāyaka was no other than Arikēśari Parākrama, the builder of the Viśvānāthasvāmin temple at Teṇkāśi.

(9), Mr. H. Kṛṣṇa Śāstri, B. A., the Epigraphist with the Government of Madras states that Arikēśari died after the tower was completed. The inscription makes the simple statement “கற்பனி யாருண்டில் முடித்துக்கயிலே செஞ்ஞன்.” meaning that “he, (Arikēśari) went to Kailāsa, i.e., died, after (seeing that) the stone-work was finished in six years.”

(10). Mr. Kṛṣṇa Śāstri writes that “Parākrama was entitled Poṇṇinperumāl Arikēśari, Parākrama Māraṇ, Teṇṇavaṇ, Parākrama Kaitavaṇ, Mānakavachaṇ, Koṛkai-vēndaṇ and Perumāl-vaḷudi. This list contains, according to him, a large number of surnames. The Divākara-nigahapṭu has the following synonyms of the word Pāṇḍya;—

செழியன் நமிழ்நாடன் கூடற்கோ தென்னவன்
வழுதி மீனவன் பஞ்சவன் மாநன் கௌரியன் லேம்பின்—
கண்ணிக்கோ கைதவன் பொதியப் பொருப்பன்
புனல் வையைத் துறவன், குமரிச் சேர்ப்பன் கோப்பாண்டியனே.

Chūḍāmapin-nigahapṭu has;—

செழியனே கூடற்கோமான் தென்னவன் லேம்பின்ருரோன்
வழுதியே குமரிச் சேர்ப்பன் வையைத் துறவன் மாநன்
விழைவுறு பொதிய வெர்ப்பன் மீனவன் கைதவன் சொந்
பழைய பஞ்சவனே லெய்ய கௌரியன் பாண்டியன் பெயர்.

From these two quotations it is clear that Māraṇ, Kaitavaṇ, Teṇṇavaṇ, and Vaḷudi, when added on to the name Parākrama, do not make so many surnames of the king. Leaving these, we have Poṇṇin-perumāl, Koṛkai-vēndaṇ and Mānakavachaṇ among the so-called surnames. Of these Poṇṇin-perumāl is an honorific address which, in so many different forms, is current to this day in the west coast: the Mahārāja of Travancore and the Rāja of Cochin when they are referred to by the people are always spoken of as the ‘poṇṇu-tambirāṇ.’ It simply means the king who is as precious as gold. (Cf. Naṇṇūl-Sū. 299., wherein the particle *in* is said, in such cases as the present one, to be employed for the purpose of comparison. Also, Cf. Śilappadigāram, *Andimālai-cheḷi-rappu cheḷey-kāḍai*, wherein the compound ‘*virundin manṇar*’ occurs in l. 12. The comment on this by the ‘*Arumbada-vuraṭṭāṣariyaṇ*’ is specially worth noting.) In a similar manner Tirunelvēlī-perumāl is called Poṇṇin-Pāṇḍiyaṇ in v. 2, Inscription No. VII edited below.

About the beginning of the 13th century A. D. when the Chôla supremacy was getting weakened and the Pāṇdyas were rising in importance, a chief of Naḍu-naḍu (or Magadai-naḍu), Rājārāja Vāṇakōvaraiyaṇ by name, rebelled against his overlord⁽¹¹⁾ and seems to have joined the Pāṇḍya king. The Pāṇdyas appear to have changed their capital from Mādura to Tinnevely, leaving the Mādura country in charge of their new ally the Vāṇakōvaraiyaṇ. For, we see from about Ś. 1375, inscriptions of Māvalivāṇadarāyaṇs, of whom one Uṇṅāvillidāan Māvalivāṇadarāyaṇ calls the country his own, (Ext. 6). The next person of this dynasty appears to be one Sundarattōḷudaiyaṇ Māvalivāṇadarāyaṇ, the son of Tirumāliruñjōlai Māvalivāṇadarāyaṇ. He bears a few of the Vijayanagara *birudas*, such as, Mūvarāyaraṅḍa, Rājami-saraṅḍa, etc. He lived in Ś. 1398, just the time when Narasā Nāyaka must have invaded the Pāṇḍya country. Either the Māvalivāṇadarāyaṇ was defeated by the Vijayanagara general and then dubbed himself with the Vijayanagara *birudas*, or he defeated the latter and assumed, as the conqueror, the Vijayanagara *birudas*; which of these was the case it is not easy to say in our present state of knowledge of the history of that period. But that the chieftains of this family held or were suffered to hold the Mādura country under them is certain. For, inscriptions of a second Sundarattōḷudaiyaṇ Māvalivāṇadarāyaṇ are found in several places such as Tiruppullāni, Alagarkōvil, Kāḷaiyārkōyil, etc, ⁽¹²⁾ till so late a period as Ś. 1468. Thus it is patent that the Pāṇdyas gradually lost to their feudatories (or those of the Vijayanagara Empire,) the Vāṇadarāyaṇs, their northern possessions and themselves stuck to the south and west of the present Tinnevely district. We do not come across many inscriptions of the later Pāṇdyas in the Mādura district, belonging to the 15th century A. D., and we can therefore safely infer that their jurisdiction over that tract of country was already lost.

Ever since the construction of the Viśvanāthasvāmīn temple at Teṇkāśi the coronation of all kings who came after Arikēsari Parākrama Pāṇḍya seems to have been celebrated in this temple. Tirunelvēlpperumāl, Ativīharāma Pāṇḍyadēva, Varatuṅgarāma Pāṇḍya etc., were crowned in the presence of Viśvanāthasvāmīn (Ins. Nos. VII, VIII and X.)

The next king that is mentioned is **Kulaśekharaḍeva**. Ext. 4 and 5 give Ś. 1351 as the date of accession of this king, that is, seven years after that of Arikēsari Parākramadēva. But we know that the latter ruled for no less than 42 years (2+42) and the former also an equal number of years. We are not able to say how this is possible. We might only suggest that either they ruled by common consent over separate regions of the kingdom or ruled jointly over the same country. Anyhow this two-ruler system comes into vogue from about this time, that is, a sort

Again, all the Pāṇdyas are known by the name *Korḱaivēṇḍaṇ*. In Śilappadigāram, the king Neḍuñjeliyaṇ, is addressed 'vāḷi-eṇ-Korḱai-veṇḍē' and 'naṇṇirāṇam-baḱarā-Korḱai-veṇḍē' (*Valakkuroṣi-kāḍai*, ll. 30 and 67).

So then, the only surnames Parākrama bore were Arikēsari and Mānakavacha. As for Perumāl-vaḷudi mentioned by Mr. Sastri, there are difficulties in accepting it as correct. In none of the records examined by me hitherto is Parākrama called by that name. It looks likely that Mr. Sastri having seen the word *perumāṇ* (not *perumāl*) and *vaḷudi* side by side in v. 15 No. III edited below, was led into the mistake. If the compound '*maṇṇarperumāṇ*' had been consciously broken up into *maṇṇar* and *perumāṇ* and the latter added on to the succeeding word *vaḷudi*, it completely destroys the meaning of the otherwise easy verse. In his Annual Report for 9105-6, Mr. Venkaya has surmised that Arikēsari might have been also known by the name of Perumāl Parākrama and this might have also contributed towards Mr. Kṛṣṇa Sāstri's taking Perumāl-vaḷudi as a surname.

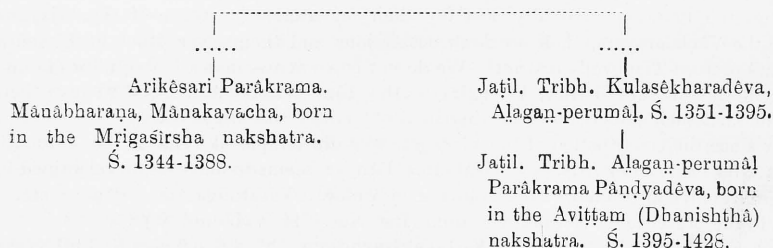
In the collection of stray Tamil verses, called the *Taṇippāḍar*=*riraṭṭu*, a verse praising a king named Mānābharāṇa, said to be the composition of the Tamil Poet, Puḷaḷēndi, is found. If this name refers to Arikēsari Parākrama Pāṇḍyadēva, the age of Puḷaḷēndi will become the last quarter of the 15th century A. D. But the tradition places him at the beginning of the 12th century A. D. (see p. 56 of the 1899 Edition).

(11) Sendamiḷ Vol. III pp. 423-32.

(12) See Ann. Rep. on Epigraphy for the year 1903, pp. 18, 19.

of over-lapping of two reigns becomes more frequent. For example, the Puḍukkōṭṭai grant was made by Śrivalabbha and Varatuṅgarāma. In one of the inscriptions, Kulaśekhara is called Aḷaṅ-perumāl (Ext. 2 and 5); he built an audience hall in the Viśvanāthasvāmīn temple at Tenkaśi. As this king succeeded Arikēsari Parākrama we might suppose that he was the same Kulaśekhara as the one who completed the front *gōpura* left unfinished by Parākrama.⁽¹²⁾ This surmise seems to receive corroboration from Inscription No. V, wherein he is called also Aḷaṅ. He calls Arikēsari Parākrama his *aṇṇāḷvi*, a term applied to an elder brother in S. Tinnevely. So, Kulaśekhara might be a brother or perhaps a cousin of Arikēsari. The son of Kulaśekhara is said to have been a Parākrama (Ext. 4).

From Ext. 7, it is learnt that in the year Ś. 1395 a king named Jaṭilavarman **Aḷaṅ-perumāl Parākrama Paṇḍyadeva** ascended the throne. His 31+2nd year corresponded with Ś. 1428. Since the date of accession of this king is the last known date of his predecessor, Kulaśekharaḍeva, who, we know from Ext. 4, reigned for 42+2, we might take the former to be the same as Parākrama the son of Kulaśekhara mentioned in Ext. 4. This king ruled for no less than 31+2 years. He is said to have been born in the Aviṭṭa (Dhanishṭha) nakshatra.⁽¹³⁾ The relation between these kings might be exhibited thus :—



In the year S. 1401 a king named **Parākrama Paṇḍyadev** *alias* **Kulaśekharaḍeva** born in the Kārttika nakshatra, ascended the throne (Ext. 7) and ruled for over 20 years. Thus we see that the reigns of Parākrama born in Aviṭṭam and Parākrama *alias* Kulaśekhara born in Kārttikai overlap each other. How the king Kulaśekhara described as born in the Kārttika nakshatra was related to those described above is at present not known.

The two brothers Abhirāma Parākrama and Ahavarāma must, according to the Puḍukkōṭṭai plates, be the next sovereigns. Nothing is known of these from the records hitherto collected. When and how long they ruled, therefore, is difficult at present to say.

The son of the latter (Ahavarāma), Jaṭil, Tribh. **Śrivalabbhadeva**, who bears the *birudās* 'Pāṇḍya-rājya-sthāpanāchārya' and 'Iṇḍakāḷam-eḍutta', and who in some inscriptions is also called Kulaśekhara (Ext 13&14), came to the throne in Ś. 1456. This Śrivalabbha is not the only person who has the title 'Pāṇḍya-rājya-sthāpanāchārya'. In the Krishnapuram plates, Nāgama Nāyaka is described by the same distinguishing appellation.⁽¹⁴⁾ Again Achyutadeva-

(12) M. Krishna Śāstri who states in one portion of his An. Rep. for 1909-10, p. that Arikēsari Parākrama died after completing the erection of the *gōpura* admits later on that Kulaśekhara completed the *gōpura* left unfinished by his older brother Arikēsari Parākrama.

(13) See Extract 8.

(14) Krishnapuram plates; II. 115-116 Ep. Ind. Vol. IX, p. 336;

यशश्चिना पाण्ड्यकुलस्थापनाचार्यकीर्तिना । मानोन दक्षिणमहासमुद्राधीश्वरेण च ॥ १२ ॥
नागमक्षापपौत्रेण नलनाभागकीर्तिना ।

raja bears also a similar title.⁽¹⁵⁾ When and how the Pāṇḍya kingdom came to be re-established let us attempt to study in detail in the following paragraphs.

We have already seen that the Pāṇḍyas lost the northern half of their possessions to the Vāṇakōvaraiyas first and then to the Nāyakas latterly, and that they retreated to the southern portion of the present Tinnevely district. A large portion of even this little territory held by the Pāṇḍyas was being gradually annexed to their kingdoms by the neighbouring kings. One of the kings of Travancore, **Udayamārttāṇḍavarman** by name, seeing the weakness of the Pāṇḍyas began to encroach upon their possessions. We see several inscriptions of this king in Brahmadēsam, Shērmādēvi, Ambāsamudram, Kaḷakkāḍi,—places clearly within the limits of the kingdom of the Pāṇḍyas, plainly evidencing the fact that he had already come into possession of these places. Thus divested of large portions of its territory, the Pāṇḍya kingdom had shrunk to an insignificant extent. Evidently, Śrīvallabha, the son of Āhavarāma, realising the miserable condition to which his kingdom was reduced, and perhaps spurred on to activity by the aggressions of Udayamārttāṇḍavarman, appealed to the Vijayanagara Emperor for help. It was readily obtained. **Achyutadevarāja**, the then Emperor, had more reasons than one for accepting the offer of the Pāṇḍya. In his *kāvya*, the Achyutarāyābhyudayam, Rājānāthakavi informs us that the Emperor having heard that the king of the Tiruvaḍi-rājyam had withheld tribute for some years and was also harbouring a rebel chief of the Chōḷarāja⁽¹⁶⁾ resolved to teach him a lesson. To add to these, the invitation of the Pāṇḍya must have quickened the designs of the Emperor. A large expedition was fitted up and was personally commanded by the king. On the way several places of pilgrimage such as Tirupati, Chidambaram, etc., were visited till eventually it came to the island of Śrīraṅgam. The Emperor was delighted with the place. Finding that the Emperor had a desire to spend some time in this holy place, his brother-in-law, son of Saḷagarāja, implored him to entrust to him the charge of bringing the Tiruvaḍi to his senses. The prayer was granted. This general encountered the army of the Tiruvaḍi on the bank of the Tāmraparni, defeated him and took him prisoner.⁽¹⁷⁾ On the Tiruvaḍi offering terms of peace, the war was concluded and all proceeded to Anantaśayanam to worship the god of that place. The Tiruvaḍi gave large numbers of elephants and horses to the Vijayanagara general. Then the expeditionary party returned with the Tiruvaḍi and his ministers to Śrīraṅgam. The ministers who prostrated before the Emperor were treated with great consideration, while the chief of the Chōḷadēsa was made over to the ministers of the Emperor for punishment and the Tiruvaḍi's life was spared. The Pāṇḍya kingdom was wholly restored to Śrīvallabha. The name of the chieftain of the Chōḷadēsa is given in the Achyutarāyābhyudayam as **Chellappa**.⁽¹⁸⁾

The facts above narrated are completely borne out by the inscription found at Conjeevaram belonging to the reign of Achyutadēva Rāja, which says that the king defeated the Tiruvaḍi on the bank of the Tāmraparni, set up a pillar of victory on the spot and married the daughter of

(15) प्रस्थानाय श्रीपतेरभ्यनुज्ञाः प्राप्तुं पाण्ड्यस्थापनाचार्य एव ।

मोक्षाधारं प्राविशन्मोहदूरं देवागारं दत्तनेत्रोपहारम् ॥ Achyutarāyābhyudayam.

(16) छन्ननिग्रहतया पलायितश्चेष्टपो वसति चेरसीमनि ।

चच्छरण्यधरणी भुजा समं शिष्य एव स चिरायुषा त्वया ॥

प्राक्तनान्निज पदात्परिच्युतः पालनीय इह पाण्ड्य भूपतिः ।

शिक्षणं मद्वतां पुनः सतां रक्षणं च नमु राजलक्षणम् ॥ Ibid.

(17) Achyutarāyābhyudayam, Canto VI, vv. 29-31.

(18) See foot-note 16, above.

the Pāṇḍya king.⁽¹⁹⁾ It must be noted that this inscription adds the further fact of the Vijayanagara king marrying the daughter of the Pāṇḍya king. It looks as if the Pāṇḍya in gratitude and perhaps also with a desire to cement the relationship between himself and the Emperor more strongly offered his daughter to him. By these transactions Śrivalabha 'brought back the Pāṇḍya kingdom to its pristine glory'. Therefore is it that he is called '*iṇḍa-kālam-ēduttavaṇ*' '*Pāṇḍyarājya-sthāpanāchārya*'⁽²⁰⁾

To about this same time belongs an inscription partly written in Sanskrit and partly in Tamil verse, found in the Śiva temple at Mūvalūr, which praises a certain person called Piḷḷapperumāl of Pudukai⁽²¹⁾. All the verses are said to be the composition of Marttāṇḍan alias Akhila-kālā-vallabhan Chēramāṇ-perumāl of the Tiruppāppūr family⁽²²⁾. Evidently the latter is the same as the Travancore sovereign whose inscriptions, as we have already noticed, are found in several places in the south Tinnevely District. The chief of the Mūvalūr inscriptions is said therein to be a Chēdiyarāyan, a title which belongs to the chiefs of Naḍu-naḍu or Magadai-naḍu. It is quite likely that this man somehow incurred the displeasure of the Vijayanagara Emperor and took refuge in the court of his friend, Marttāṇḍavarman, the king of the Tiruvaḍi-rājyam, and it is this prince of the Chōlārājya, that must have been demanded by Achyutadēvarāya, from the Tiruvaḍi and also handed over by him after his defeat on the bank of the Tāmraparṇi.

Nāgama Nāyaka's claim to the title of '*Pāṇḍya-kula-pratishṭhāpanāchārya*'⁽²³⁾ must have been based upon the fact that perhaps he was also one of the generals that took part in the subjugation of the Tiruvaḍi. He might probably have been sent later on to settle internecine feuds in the Pāṇḍya country on account of his knowledge of that country gathered during his campaign against the Travancore king.

Of the sons of Abhirāma Parākrama Pāṇḍya Śālīvātipati, the younger, was crowned in the year S. 1474 at Teṇkāśi in the presence of Viśvanāthasvāmin. His real name appears to be Tirunelvēlī-perumāl, which has been rendered into Sanskrit as Śālīvātipati, Śālīpṛitiśvara Vṛihīpṛitiśvara, etc. He was also called Kulasekhara, and when he was crowned, he assumed the name of Vira-vēl. This king, "seeing that all flower garlands would sooner or later fade away, wore a garland of verses sung in praise of him by poets" (in the Venḍā metre). He was born in the Āsvatī nakshatra. (Ext. 25). He was known by various other names such as Aḷaḡaṇ-perumāl, Dharma-pperumāl etc. What the latter title purports to mean is not clear. On the north wall of the central shrine of the Viśvanāthasvāmin temple at Teṇkāśi, there is an

(19) Ep. An. Rep. for 1900, p. 27.

(20) About this Śrivalabha, Mr. Kṛishṇa Śāstri has the following:—"*iṇḍa-kālam-ēdutta* Śrivalabhadēva (No. II), may have been connected, though we are not sure how, with a certain Perumāl Kulasekhara, who was also called '*iṇḍa-kālam-ēdutta*' and was ruling in Śaka 1457, Manmatā. (= A. D. 1535. No. 525 of 1909). It cannot be definitely stated who this Kulasekhara was and so his name has been omitted from the list. Śrivalabha was perhaps also called Abhirāma Parākrama Pāṇḍya and had a son Kulasekhara. Parākrama whose initial date, as obtained from No. 532 of 1909, is A. D. 1543. This enables us to identify him with Perumāl Parākrama". According to this the genealogy of the later Pāṇḍyas mentioned above will be as follows:—

'*iṇḍa-kālam-ēdutta*' Śrivalabha
alias Abhirāma Parākrama

Perumāl Kulasekhara

Ativirārāma Śrivalabha

whereas all epigraphical records agree with the pedigree given in the Pudukkōṭṭai grant.

(21) Śendamiḷ, Vol. IV. pp. 251-2.

(22) In an unpublished inscription at Suchindram dated the Kollam year 716 (= 1541 A.D.) the name Sakal kalai Mārttāṇḍavarman, Śīraivāy-Mūṭta-Tiruvaḍi is mentioned.

(23) p. See footnote 14 above.

inscription of the king Tirunelvēlī-pperumāḷ Dharmma-pperumāḷ Kulasekharaḍēva, son of Jaṭilavarman *alias* Tribhuvanachakravartin Kōṇēriṇmaikonḷāṇ Abhirāma Parākrama Paṇḍya-ḍēva, dated Ś. 1485, which corresponded with the 12th year of his reign. We learn from this that the initial date for him is Ś. 1473. The *gōpura* inscription, recording the coronation of this king, gives the date Ś. 1474 for that event. Evidently he ruled from Ś. 1474 to 1486, in which latter year Ativirārāma Śivallabha was crowned.

The Māgavārmaṇ Tribhuvanachakravartiṇ Kalīyugārāmaṇ Tirunelvēlī-pperumāḷ, mentioned in Nos. 178 of 1895, 86 of 1905 and 172 of 1895, of the collection of the Madras Epigraphist, whose initial date as obtained from these records is Ś. 1342-3, cannot be identical with his namesake, the father of Ativirārāma. The Tamil poet Palapattadai-chChokkanātha-p-Pulavar has twelve verses in praise of a king whom he calls by the names Parākrama, Senbaga-Māraṇ and Kulasekhara and one in praise of Ativira, and another, apparently of Ativirārāma and Varatuṅgarāma. (see pp. 96-98 of the 1899 Edition). It looks likely that the first mentioned king is Tirunelvēlīpperumāḷ Kulasekhara, the father of Ativirārāma Paṇḍya and the others, Ativirārāma and Varatuṅgarāma. It is a noteworthy fact that this king and his son Ativirārāma are styled *vēl*, a title suggestive of a subordinate rank and not of suzerainty. It might allude to their subordination to the suzerain lord, the Emperor of Vijayanagara.

Ativirārāma was the elder son of Tirunelvēlī-pperumāḷ Kulasekhara; his brother was **Śrivallabha**, a name which belongs also to Ativirārāma. It is curious that Kulasekhara should have named his two sons with the same name. However, it is not uncommon in the history of the later Paṇḍyas to find the same name applied to two brothers; for example, Parākrama the brother of Tirunelvēlī-pperumāḷ Kulasekhara is also known as Kulasekhara (Ext. 18). The Pudukkōṭṭai grant is the only one which mentions that Ativirārāma had a brother.

There are graver difficulties in accepting wholly the statements made in the Pudukkōṭṭai grant than the mere identity in the names of the sons of Tirunelvēlī-pperumāḷ Kulasekhara. This grant which is dated Ś. 1505 purports to belong to the reign of Śrivallabha, brother of Ativirārāma Paṇḍya, whom, on the date on which this document was written, it takes as dead.⁽²⁴⁾ But we know certainly enough that Ativirārāma lived even after Ś. 1505, (see Ext. 26 Ins. No. XIII, edited below). Ativirārāma built the pretty large temple of Kulasekharamuḍaiyār at Tenkāsi, in honour of his father Kulasekhara and another of Viṣṇu very near the former. These erections must necessarily have taken no less than a dozen years. Considering all these, it becomes difficult to believe that he was dead sometime previous to Ś. 1505.

Then again the record describes the battle which took place at Vallaprākāra, in which the armies of **Venkatārāja** (Venkaṭapatiḍēvarāya I.), Achyutappa Nāyaka of Tanjore, Virappa Nāyaka of Madura and Varatuṅgarāma Paṇḍya took part with varying success. From what little history we know at present of this period, we can assert that such a combination of armies took place in the war of succession which followed immediately after the death of Venkaṭapatiḍēvarāya I. between the parties of the pretender, whose cause was espoused by his father-in-law, **Jaggarāya** and the Nāyaka of Madura and his ally, Varatuṅgarāma Paṇḍya on one side and the legitimate claimant helped by the General **Echama Nāyaka** and the Nāyaka of Tanjore on the other side. It is also known that Venkaṭapatiḍēvarāya I. died about the year Ś. 1536 (1614 A. D.) and consequently the events narrated could likely have taken place only after this latter date.⁽²⁵⁾

(24) But Mr. Krishna Sastri asserts that the grantor of the Pudukkōṭṭai plates was Ativirārāma Śrivallabha; the record itself emphatically declares that one of the grantors of those plates was Śrivallabha the brother of Ativirārāma and the other, Varatuṅgarāma, his cousin.

(25) 'See A Forgotten Empire' Chap. XVII.

Ativirāma Pāṇḍya was a Tamil poet of established reputation. (26) As we have already mentioned he has rendered Naishadham into elegant Tamil verse. One of the donees in the Pudukkōṭṭai grant is a Naishadham Rāmākṛishṇa (1.229). The tradition is that Ativirāma heard the original completely and translated it afterwards in Tamil. Perhaps, the Brahman, Rāmākṛishṇa, was his reader in Sanskrit of Naishadham. A number of other works are also attributed to this Pāṇḍya prince, such as Kūrma-purāṇam, Tirukkaruvai antādis, etc., Ativirāma was born in the Panarvasu nakshatra (27). In the Tāṇipāḍaṇṇiattu, there are two verses attributed (wrongly no doubt) to the great Tamil poet Kamban, which praise a Śivala-Maṇḍa alias Vira Maṇḍa, of Nalveli, and who is well-versed in the Tamil language. From the tenor of the verses, they appear to refer to Ativirāma Srivallabha.

After the death of Ativirāma Pāṇḍya, his brother, the Pudukkōṭṭai grant says, was selected by the ministers and crowned. The date of the above grant is Ś. 1505, which was the 21st year after the coronation of the king Ativirāma. Issued as it was in the reign of Srivallabha, the brother of Ativirāma, it is not quite clear why it is dated in the regnal year of the latter. The king Ativirāma's reign seems to have extended, according to an inscription at Tirukurālam, to nearly 42 years, that is, till Ś. 1527. How the date Ś. 1505 of the Pudukkōṭṭai grant could have belonged to the reign of the brother of Ativirāma Pāṇḍya is not patent. (28)

Of **Srivallabha** the brother of Ativirāma, nothing is known.

Two inscriptions found at Teṅkāsi give Ś. 1471 and 1473 as belonging to the 7th and 8th years of the reign of Kulasekhara aliās Parākrama Pāṇḍyadeva, the son of Abhirāma Parākrama. Hence the first year of his reign will be Ś. 1464-5 and he might have ruled till Ś. 1474, in which year, we have already seen, his brother was crowned, most likely after his death. He might therefore have occupied the throne for nearly 10 years.

We know that Parākrama, the brother of Śālivātipati, had two sons named **Guṇarāma** and **Varatungarāma**. Of the two, the Pudukkōṭṭai plates have nothing to say of Guṇarāma, the elder. It quietly passes on to his brother without mentioning whether Guṇarāma succeeded to the throne or not and if not, why not. One inscription found in the ruined front *gopura* of the Viṣvanātha temple at Teṅkāsi records the grant by Ativirāma to Guṇarāma of certain taxes. (29) It is likely that he was given a sort of pension in the grant of the taxes referred to above and kept away from succession.

Varatungarāma was the brother of Guṇarāma. He went by several names; **Abhirāma** or **Abhirāma-Sundarsevara** was the name given to him at his nativity. He assumed the *biruda*

(26) நீலவு பொழித்தனரீக்கவினை நீடநர்கோன் புகழ்ச்சரித நெடுநீர்வைப்பிற்
புலவர்களியருதொழுது புதுமொழி கூட்டுணத்தமிழார் பனைதல்செய்தான்
வலனுயர்த்த வண்ணலஞ்செல்வான்ருெடு பொற்கோட்டியம வரையிறீட்டி
யலர்தலைமாளில்புரக்கு மதிவீர ராமனிகலரசரேறே. நடைதம்.
புவி புகழுந் காசிகண்டம் பொருவில் பராசரன் புதல்வன் புகன்றவாறே
செவ்வழியின் முதுகுத்தென மதுரம்பொழி தமிழாற்றெறித்தல் செய்தான்
ஹலவுமதிக்குடைபீழ்ந் லொராழி திசையுருட்டி யொலிநீர்விலை
யவனிபுரத்தருள் வழுதியிவீர ராமணி கலரசரேறே. காசிகண்டம்.
கடலகழுமுதும் பொதித்த பேழ்வயிற்றுக்கடவுள் மொட்டாயையம் பெருமான்
வடமொழிதொடுத்த தெய்வமாக்கையை வடித்த செந்தமிழினுற் செய்தான்
படுமதஞ்செருக்கிப் பாருடல்பின்று படர் சிறை யழலை வண்டோச்சு
மடுசின்ன்களிற்று மாண்டவெல் வழுதியடலிவீர பூபதியே. கூடம்புராணம்.

(27) See Extracts 21 and 23.

(28) While quoting the antiquated work of Dr. Caldwell, that Ativirāma Pāṇḍya was perhaps the last of this line of Pāṇḍys, Mr. Krishna Sastri neither contradicts nor assents plainly to that statement. The Pudukkōṭṭai grant affirms that after him came his brother Srivallabha and we know Varatungarāma Pāṇḍya was also a sort of direct successor of his. Mr. Sastri himself adds three or four names after Ativirāma in his provisional list of later Pāṇḍyas. See Ann. Rep. on Epigraphy for 1910, p. 100.

(29) Śendamil, Vol. IV, p. 120.

Varatungarāma later on. At the time of his coronation he assumed the name of **Vira** or **Abisheka Vira Pāṇḍya**. He was born in the Pusya nakshatra; as the Pāṇḍyas trace their descent from the moon (Chandra), the son of Atri, the later Pāṇḍyas claim to belong to the Ātrēya gōtra. Varatungarāma was, according to the *gōpuram* inscription of Tenkāśi crowned in the Kali year 4689.⁽³⁰⁾ The same inscription also says that he won a victory at Vallam or Vallaprākāra as the Pudukkōṭṭai grant has it. The battle was evidently fought before this king ascended the throne. With whom it was fought it is not mentioned. We have to look for information about this matter elsewhere. In the *Tañjaivāṇa-kōvai*, a Tamil poetic work the hero of the poem *Tañjaivāṇa*, (the Vāṇa of *Tañjai*), is described as 'the Vāṇa, who was victorious in the battle of Vallam', 'the Vāṇa, who won a victory in the battle of Mallai', 'the Vāṇa who made all those that did not serve the Pāṇḍya turn their backs in the battle-field', and 'the Vāṇa who took the land of the Kannāḍar.'⁽³¹⁾ It has been shown by Mr. Venkoba Rao that this *Tañjaivāṇa* ruled in a place called *Pottai Tanjai* near Madura. The battle of Vallam seems to have been fought against some generals of the Vijayanagara Emperor, Varatungarāma claims to have defeated the Villavaṇ (the king of the Malaināḍu, perhaps the Travancore king). If before his coronation Varatungarāma was able to win a victory over his enemies, he should have been a sufficiently old man when he came to the throne.⁽³²⁾

Like his cousin, *Ativirarāma*, Varatungarāma was a literary celebrity. He was the author of *Brahmōttara Kāṇḍam* and of *Kokkōkam*, &c., in Tamil. His spiritual teacher was *Īṣāna-māmuni*var of *Vēppattūr*.⁽³³⁾

The next Pāṇḍya we meet with is **Varaguna Srivallabha alias Kulaśekhara**. In the Saka year 1537, he caused a *yōga* to be celebrated and on that occasion he set up a *Vighnēśvara* whom he called *Yejñēśa-Vighnēśvara*. In one or two inscriptions he calls himself *Varaguna Srivallabha Dikshitar* in token of his having done the *yōga*. Nothing more of him is known.

There are two copper-plate records in the *Kuttalanāthasvāmī* temple at *Tirukkūṛṇṭal*am which belong to the reign (!) of one **Aḷaganperumāḷ Sivala-Varagunarāma Pāṇḍya Kulaśekharaḍavar**, 'who brought back the past.' Both of them are dated S. 1675. He bears all *birudas* known to the previous Pāṇḍyas.

After this Pāṇḍya we have not come across any other Pāṇḍya name. Evidently the family that had lived through at least twenty centuries was lost in oblivion in the latter half of the eighteenth century, their country being gradually taken away by the *Nayakās* of Madura.

One fact worth noticing is that the later Pāṇḍyas adopted the *Varāha* or *Bhūvarāhamūrti* as an additional emblem of their family, along with their carps and hook. It is to be accounted for by the subordination of the Pāṇḍyas to the Vijayanagara suzerainty. The Vijayanagara emblem, every one knows, is the boar.

The later Pāṇḍyas have gone in for names ending in *Rāma*. Thus we have *Kaliyugarāmaṇ*, *Avanivēndarāmaṇ*, *Rājākularāmaṇ*, *Abhirāmaṇ*, *Āhavarāmaṇ*, *Ativirarāmaṇ*, *Guṇarāmaṇ*, *Varatungarāmaṇ*, etc.

(30) Mr. Krishna Sāstri identifies this king with another, *Māra*verman *Vira Pāṇḍya*, said to have borne the surnames *Kaliyugarāma* and *Tirunelvēl-perumāḷ*: the latter, Mr. Sāstri considers, might have been a co-regent with *Arikēsari Parākrama Pāṇḍya*. But *Kaliyugarāma* *Vira Pāṇḍya*, ascended the throne in S. 1342, whereas *Abhirāma*, who assumed the name *Vira Pāṇḍya*, crowned in the Kali year 4689 which corresponds with S. 1510. Therefore it is plain this identification is untenable.

(31) *Sēdamil* Vol. IV. p. 506.

(32) A Tamil poet, *Rāmasāmi Kavirāyar* by names, refers, in one of his verses, to *Abhirāma*, *alias*, *Varatungarāma* and his country, *Kāśi* (*Tenkāśi*).

(33) “தேசான சிவஞானன் செஞ்சுடரான் மும்மலமாம்
மாசான விருனகந்றி மன்னுயிரைப் புரந்தளித்துத்
தூசானே யுரி யகசத்தோன்றெல் சமைய கிதுத்து நிம்பை
சுசான முனிவெண்ணையழைய யிறைஞ்சுவாம்.”

LIST OF LATER PAṆDYA KINGS.

| No. | Name of the King | Initial Date | Probable latest Date | Relationship | Remarks |
|-----|--|--------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Jaṭil. Kulaśekhara ... | S. 1324 | | ... | ... |
| 2 | Arikēsari Parākrama. | S. 1344 | S. 1385 | ... | Builder of the Viṣṇuātha-svāmī temple at Tenkāsi. |
| 3 | Kulaśekharaḍēva ... | S. 1351 | Ś. 1385 | Brother or cousin of 2. | Could he be the Srivallabha who is said to have seen Sētu with copper-plates.(?) |
| 4 | Jaṭil. Aḷaṅṅ Parākrama. | S. 1385 | Ś. 1428 | Perhaps son of 3. (See Ext. 12). | Born in Aṇṭṭai Nakshatram. |
| 5 | Parākrama Kulaśekhara. | S. 1401 | Ś. 1421 | Probably son of 4. (See Ext. 7). | Born in Kārttigai Nakshatram. |
| 6 | Abhirāma Parākrama. | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 7 | Ahavarāma ... | ... | ... | Brother of 6 ... | ... |
| 8 | Iṇṇaṇḍa-kālam-eḍutta Śrīvallabhaḍēva <i>alias</i> Kulaśekharaḍēva. | S. 1456 | Ś. 1464-5 | Son of 7 ... | 'Pāṇḍya-rājya-sthāpanāchārya.' |
| 9 | Parākrama Kulaśekhara. | S. 1465 | S. 1474 | Son of 6 ... | Born in Asvati Nakshatra. |
| 10 | Tirunelvēlpperumāl Kulaśekharaḍēva. | S. 1474 | S. 1486 | Son of 6 and younger brother of 9. | ... |
| 11 | Ativirārama Śrīvallabha. | S. 1486 | ... | Son of 10 ... | Born in Punarvasu. |
| 12 | Srivallabha ... | ... | ... | Said to be the brother of 2? | ... |
| 13 | Varatuṅgarāma ... | Ś. 1510 | ... | Son of 9 ... | Born in Dhanishthā Nakshatra (Pushya according to No. XII). |
| 14 | Varaṅṇa Śrīvallabha <i>alias</i> Kulaśekhara Dikshita (or Sōmayāji). | S. 1535 | | ... | Performed a Yāga and thence styled himself a <i>Dikshitar</i> (or Sōmayājīyar). |
| 15 | Śivala Vararāma Pāṇḍya Kulaśekhara Dikshitar. | S. 1675 | | ... | ... |

NO. I. THE PUDUKKOTTAI PLATES OF SRIVALLABHA AND
VARATUNGARAMA PANDYA. SAKA SAMVAT 1505.

When the temple in the village of Pudukkōṭṭai was repaired some years ago the set of copper-plates, upon which the subjoined inscription is engraved, was discovered underneath the *piṭha* of the image in the central shrine. At present the plates are owned by the Brahmans of that village and were got on loan for me by the kind offices of a friend of mine. It is from the impressions prepared under my supervision I now edit the record.

The plates are all numbered with Tamiḻ numerals ; since the writing begins only on the second side of the first plate, the numeral one is engraved on the second side. In the case of all other plates the numbers are engraved on the first side only, just below the ring-hole. The second side of the eighth plate is left blank. On the second side of the seventh and on the first side of the eighth plates the following figures are engraved :—The figure of Lakshmi-Varāha, a pair of *chāmara*s, a pair of lamps, and a pair of carps, with between them a hook. Below these figures is the sign-manual of the sovereign the word *tulyam*, written in rather larger types ; and at the end is the signature of an officer whose name is Koḍumaḷūr-uḍaiyaṇ.

The size of these plates is unusually large : they measure 12" by 9". Though there is a ring-hole in each of the plates, they were not bound with a ring. The alphabet of the inscription is Grantha and the language, Sanskrit.

The document purports to belong to the year Ś. 1505 in the reign of **Srivaliabha** the brother of Ativirarāma Pāṇḍya and of **Varatungarāma Pāṇḍya**, his cousin. The immediate object of the inscription is to record the grant of the village of Pudukkōṭṭai to a number of Brahmans, which was made at the request of one **Tirumalaiṛāja**, who is described as the right hand of Virabhūpati.

The record begins with the geneology of the Pāṇḍyas, which consists of three parts, the *paurāṇic*, the legendary and the historical. The *paurāṇic* part runs as follows :—

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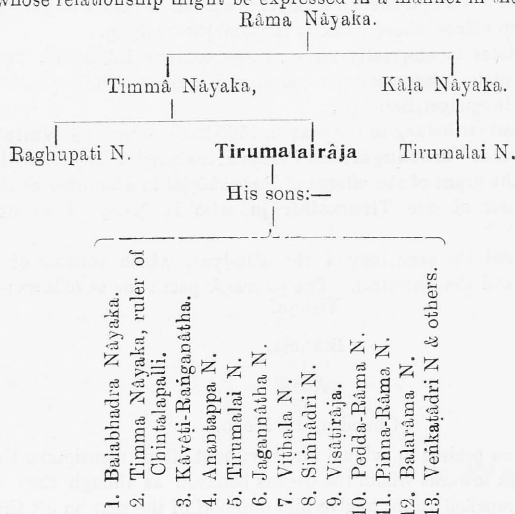
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Atri.

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Chandra, the Moon.

The legendary portion praises individual kings without often mentioning their names. Of these the first is a Pāṇḍya towards whom the oceans behaved as though they were only knee deep. The next king compelled Indra to give him one-half of the seat on his throne ; he is also said to have broken the crown of Indra with his club and to have assisted the lord of *Asuras* against the lord of the *Dēvas*, and churned the ocean for the sake of the *Dēvas*, with the Āi-purusha. Next is mentioned a Pāṇḍya who gave a thousand elephants to a woman who asked for them. This act belongs perhaps also to this same king. In this family was born Taṭātaka, Minākshi, whose husband was the lord Śiva of Madura, under the name of Sundara Pāṇḍya. To them was born a son named Ugra Pāṇḍya. The historical geneology begins after this, and it has already been given in the General Introduction.

As we have already seen, the grant was made jointly by Srivallabha and Varatuṅgarāma. It was made in the presences of the gods, Kuttālēsvara and Karamarḍḍisvara in the year 1505 of the Śaka era, Svabhānu, on a Tuesday corresponding to the 5th of the month Chaitra and Pañchami of the dark fortnight, Vasanta-ṛitu, Uttarāyaṇa, in the Harshaṇa *yōga* and Taitula *karana* ; and the villages granted were **Pudukkottai**, **Iluppaiyadippatti**, **Valangaimigāman** and **Sivakāliyākkaruchchi**, clubbed together and renamed **Timmāpuram**. Of these Iluppaiyadippatti was contributed by Srivallabha and Valaṅgaimigāman by Varatuṅgarāma and Pudukkōṭṭai perhaps by both.

The grant was made at the instance of **Tirumalairāja** whose history is given as follows: He was the son and grandson respectively of Timmā and Rāma Nāyaka and was a native of Chintalapalli. He was a devout worshipper of the feet of the god Rāṅganātha (Srīraṅgam). He bore the *biruda*, *Svāmīdrōharagaṇḍa*. He was the right hand, as we have incidentally mentioned before, of Virabhūpati. Himself, he was a great warrior. When Ajiya Rāmārāja fell at Vidyānagara, a Basavarāja took refuge with Tirumalairāja, who saved him from his enemies Payati and Rāchaviṭi. But when Veṅkaṭapatiḍevārāya's army attacked Tirumalairāja, the ungrateful Basavarāja was on the opposite side. Him Tirumalairāja killed and established his claim to the title Svāmīdrōharagaṇḍa. In the battle of Vallaprākāra, when the army of Virārāja was slaughtered and the army of Achyutarāja fled away, Tirumalairāja captured all the horses and elephants that were on the battlefield. It is stated that in his battles Tirumalai employed guns (made of iron) in which were put leaden shots. A large number of relatives of Tirumalai are mentioned whose relationship might be expressed in a manner in the following table:—



The *pradhāna* of Tirumalairāja was a Brahman named Tammarasa. He was also the spiritual teacher of his master. He built at Chintalapalli otherwise known as Timmāpuram a temple and dug out a tank also. Tirumalairāja renamed the place Timmāpuram after his father.

At the end of the document a long list of officers who took even the smallest part in the making of this gift is given. They are:—

- (1). Tammarasa, the *pradhāna* of Tirumalai.
- (2). Ellappa Nāyaka son of Saṭṭika Nāyaka, the commander of Tirumalai's forces.
- (3). Koṅgarāya, son of Vaḷattu-vaḷvitta-perumāl, a Vaishṇava living in the village of Mudanai.
- (4). Ellappa Mudali Lakkachchi Nāyanār.
- (5). Rāmānātha Tonḍaimān of Sūratūr: his subordinate Vaḷattu-uruvākkum-perumāl Munayadarayan.
- (6). Āvudaiya Nāyanār Kālingarāyan, an officer of Varatuṅgarāma.
- (7). Pērvāsi-Kālingarāyan, Pachettappa Nāyan, Munayadarayan, the ministers of Srivallabha.

(8). Mēkkum-perumāḷ Muḍali, Perumāḷ Pillai Saṅkara Nāyanār, Srivallabha Tonḍaimān. Nāgamaṇi Prabhu, ministers of Varatuṅgarāma.

The composition of the grant was that of Abhirāma Sabhāpati Kāmākshi and it was engraved by Nārāyaṇa, son of Silpapurandhara.

Last of all it is said that Sundara Pāṇḍya entreats all that this charity might be eternally maintained.

As regards the date and other items mentioned in the record we have already seen in the General Introduction that there is some difficulty which we are unable to overcome easily. The Tenkāsi *gopuram* inscription says that Śrīvallabha, that is Ativirārāma was crowned in the year S. 1486 and Ext. 24 state that his rule extended to at least 28 years: thus then his reign must have extended till Ś. 1514. Again No. IX. edited below is dated Ś. 1517 and belongs to Ativirārāma but the present document asserts that it belongs to the 21st year in the reign of Srivallabha the brother of Ativirārāma, whom the record distinctly mentions as dead. If the plates happen to be true, we must understand that, though Śrīvallabha was raised to the throne, the reckoning of the date was still kept up from the beginning of the reign of Ativirārāma, the deceased king. We cannot at present say when this nondescript brother of Ativirārāma ascended the throne and how long he ruled. If he ever ascended the throne at all, he seems to have been kept up on it in name only, for we see that Varatuṅgarāma, who at the time of this grant was not yet crowned, taking equal share in the affairs of the government and latterly distinguishing himself in the wars of succession in the Vijayanagara Empire.

The Sundara Pāṇḍya mentioned at the end of the document is Varatuṅgarāma Pāṇḍya, who we know had the name Abhirāma Sundarēśvara.

The place of Tirumalairāja in the history of Southern India is not definitely known, but we can take him to be one of the several Zamindars who ruled under the Nāyakas of Madura. And from the facts that he is said to have been the right hand of Virabhūpati, that he took a prominent part in the war of succession already referred to, fought on the side of Virabhūpati, that he took first the consent of Virabhūpati for requesting the Pāṇḍya princes to make this grant,—all these go to show that he might have acted as a minister to the Madura Nāyaka. He might have been chosen to the place on account of his nationality. Chintalapalli, the native place of Tirumalairāja, is Telugu in form and therefore it appears likely that must be looked for in the Telugu districts; but when he came south he might have named another village, which is now in the Tinnevely district, Chitalapalli, after his own native place.

Little is also known of Basavarāja who was first protected and then killed by Tirumalairāja. Achyutarāja mentioned in the record is Achyutappa Nāyaka of Tanjore.

If Varatuṅgarāma was subordinate to the Nāyakas of Madura, it is quite clear that they lost all vestiges of independence which the Pāṇḍya dynasty enjoyed for no less than twenty centuries. We need not say that they accepted the suzerainty of the Emperors of Vijayanagara.

We have already seen that Varatuṅgarāma was a literary celebrity. The names of the following places occur in the plates:—Pudukkōṭṭai, Iluppaiaḍipatti, Valangaimigāman Śivakāliyākkuruchi, Kāḷagūr, Kāḍambaṅḡḷam *alias* Tirumalabhātagrāmam, Sevvairuppu, Kottagēri, Sēṅḡuḍi, Veḷḷūr, Periyakāliyākkuruchi, Maṅḡalagrāmam, Chintalapalli, Vidyānagara, Mudanaigrāmam, the river Arjuna *nadi* and Vallaprākāra. The following is the identification of some of them:—Pudukkōṭṭai is in the Srivilliputtūr Talūka; Kāḍambaṅḡḷam and Chintalapalli are in the Śāttūr Talūka, Kāḷaiyākkuruchi is in the Srivilliputtūr Talūka of the Tinnevely District. Vidyānagara or the modern Hampe is in the Hospet Talūka of the Bellary District.

From line 318 up to the end of that plate the writing appears to be the execution of a different hand, compare the *Ga, rva, pū, ha, rti, &c.*, of this part of the inscription with those found in the other part.

TEXT. (1)

First Plate : Second Side.

1. शुभमस्तु [11^{*}] श्रीगणाधिपतये
2. नमः । [1^{*}] लक्ष्मीवल्लभनाभिजन्मनालिनम्²
3. यस्येरितम् जन्मभूस्संकल्पस्सचराचरञ्ज-
4. गदिदं वाणी च साक्षात्तुयि³ । आकल्पः कलशी
5. जटाः कमलिनी बीजावली वल्कलम् ज्योतिः[.]
6. पुष्यतु विध्वगाननमिदम् भद्राणि भूयांसि]
7. वः । [1^{*}] शेषोरस्थलशायि दारितमहानी-
8. लाश्मरश्मिभूवि⁴ क्षिरोदप्रतिविम्बिताम्-
9. वरतलश्रीचारु यद्राजते । स्वेष्टामात्र-⁵
10. विकल्पितत्रिभुवनस्थानोपसर्गोदयम्
11. तेजस्तत्⁶ द्युमणीन्दुनेत्रमनिशम् भद्राणि पु-
12. ष्णातु वः । [1^{*}] धत्ते यस्य जटाकलापकलिते[.]
13. रेखामयश्चन्द्रमा दुग्धाम्भोधिधिरू-
14. ढविद्रुमलताव्यासंगिहंसश्रियम्⁷ । पृ-
15. थ्वीवारिहुताशहोतृहिमरुग्भास्वत्⁸-
16. वियन्मारुतस्यात्माधीनचराचरस्थितिरसौ
17. शर्व्वशिवयास्तु वः । [1^{*}]⁹ पार्श्वोल्लसत्¹⁰ भूकमला-
18. दिवृष्टे¹¹ प्रवृत्तगोत्रोद्धरणे नयेन [1^{*}] प्र-
19. काशितश्रिनयमावतरप्रकार¹² एष त्वमयं
20. विदध्याः । [1^{*}] ¹³ कल्याणायास्तु तद्धाम प्रत्यूहतिमिरा-

1. From impressions prepared under my supervision.

2. Read ०नलिनं.

3. Read ०सूर्या.

4. Read ०च्छवि क्षीरोद०.

5. Read ०स्वेच्छा०.

6. Read ०स्तद्व्युम०.

7. Read ०सङ्घि०.

8. Read ०भास्वद्वय०.

9. Metre of Vv, 1—3, शार्दूलविक्रीडितम्.

10. Read ०सङ्कमला०.

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12. Read ०श्री०.

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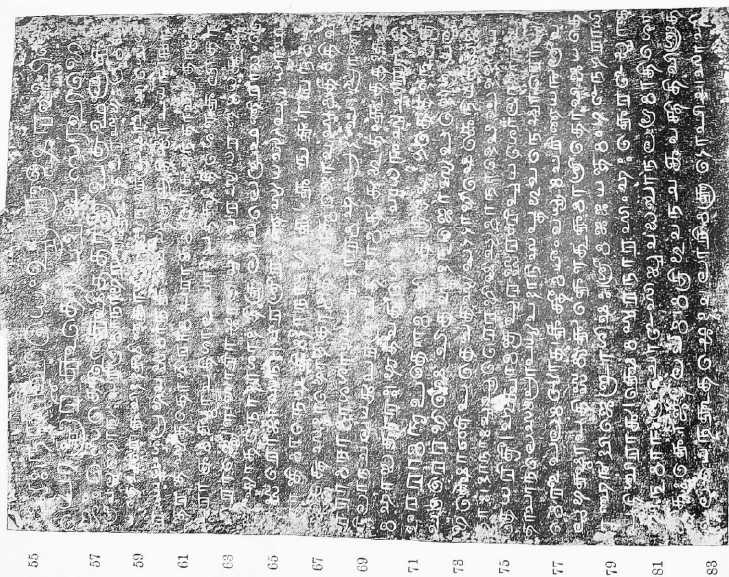
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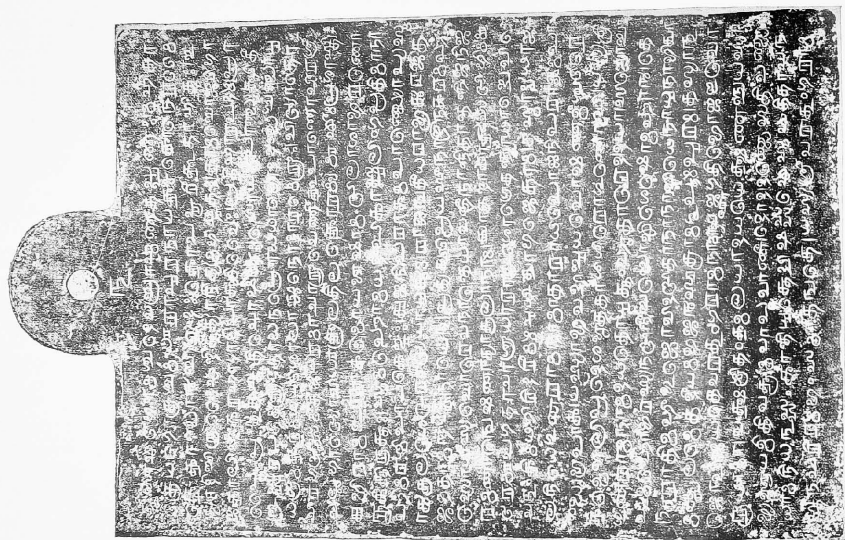
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21. प॒हम् । यत् गजो॒प्यगजो॒भूतम्¹⁴ पञ्चा॒स्येनापि
 22. ला॒ळितम् ।[। ५*]¹⁵ आदा॒वाव॒स्य पुंसो मुनि॒रजनि जगत्का-
 23. रणं नाभि॒प॒त्मादे॒तस्माद॒त्रिनाम¹⁶ त्रिभु॒वनम॒हितज्ज्यो-
 24. तिरावि॒र्वभू॒व । जन्म प्रापा॒त्रिनेत्र[।]त्¹⁷ त्रिपु॒रहर॒शिर-
 25. [श्शे]खरं शी॒तर॒स्मिस्तेज॒स्त्रैलोक्य॒रक्षाव्य-
 26. [स]निहि॒मरु॒चः पाण्ड्य॒वंश॒स्ततो॒भूत् ।[। ६*]¹⁸ लोका-
 27. लोक॒मही[ध्र]वप्र॒व॒लया से॒यम् [पु]री मेदिनी

Second Plate: First Side.

28. जे॒तार॒स्ससु॒रासुर॒स्य जग॒तो जे॒यासु॒रद्वेपि-
 29. णः । वाच[: *]स्तो॒त्रम॒पास्त॒कर्त्तृघ॒टना॒मूळं ह-
 30. ^{18a}रोत्तंसि॒तज्ज्योति॒र्यस्य¹⁹ भुन॒क्तु दी॒र्घम॒खिला॒मुर्वी
 31. स पाण्ड॒यान्व॒यः ।[। ७*]²⁰ कल्पा॒पय॒क्षुभित॒पव[ना]ब॒द्ध-
 32. को॒लाह॒लाना॒मम्भो॒धीना॒मखि॒लभु॒वनो-²¹
 33. छे॒धिना स॒प्तके॒न । प्रे॒खसा॒रानि॒कर—²²
 34. गु॒णित॒म् बिभ्र॒तैक॒स्य फे॒नम् जंघा॒का-²³
 35. ण्ड॒द्वय॒सप॒यसा॒भावि यत्स॒म्भ॒वस्य ।[। ८*]²⁴
 36. कश्चि॒द्यत्भू॒रास॒नाद्धे²⁵ व॒लारे॒भ्या-
 37. रोह॒न्निर्जि॒तारा॒तिलो॒कः । आ॒नम्रा-
 38. णा॒मौलि॒रत्नांशु॒जालै॒र्दिक्पा-
 39. ला॒नाम् व॒द्धवृ॒त्ता॒रिचा॒पम् ।[। ९*] यत्स॒म्भ-²⁶
 40. वो जल॒निधिं सु॒रकार्य॒हेतो॒स्तु-

14. Read यद्गजो॒प्यगजो॒द्भूतं.

15. Metre. अनुष्टुप्.

16. Read पञ्चा०.

17. The secondary ā symbol of त्रा in नेत्रा
is engraved below the line.

18. Metre: जग॒भ॒रा.

18 (a) The secondary ô symbol is at the end of the
previous line.

19. The secondary e portion of the o symbol

belonging to ज्यो is engraved below the line.

20. Metre, शार्दूलविक्रीडितम्.

21. भ is corrected into भु in भुवनो Read भुवनो॒ल्लङ्घि०.

22. Read प्रे॒ङ्ख०.

23. Read फे॒नं ज॒ङ्घा०.

24. Metre, म॒न्दा॒क्रान्ता.

25. Read ०द्भू०.

26. Metre शा॒लिनी.

41. स्यम्²⁷ ममन्थ पुरुषेण पुरातनेन । क-
 42. श्वित् समस्तनृपमौलिविभिन्नशिष्ट-
 43. ^{27a}मौलिम् बभञ्ज वलयात्²⁸ वलशासनस्य ।[। १०*]²⁹
 44. यजातं विबुधपतेर्ज्जयाय कश्चित्
 45. सन्धायाशरपतिरुद्यतः प्रतस्थे । नागाना-
 46. मदित सहस्रमर्थयिज्यै दानाम्भस्सुरभित-
 47. गण्डमण्डलानाम् ।[। ११*] यत्सम्भवासुदवहच्चत-³⁰
 48. टातकाख्यार्मनेक्षणाम् पुररिपुर्मधुरा-
 49. पुरीशः । राज्यं शशास भृतसौन्दरपाण्डयना-
 50. मा प्राज्यं [य]तोजनि यशोदधदुग्रपाण्ड्यः ।[। १२*] अ.³¹
 51. भिरामपराक[मा] ³²ख्यपाण्ड्यः प्रथिते तस्य कु-
 52. [ले]जनि प्रतीतः । अनुजो वहति स्म तस्य[यु]क्ता-
 53. मभिधामाहवराम इत्[यु]दाराम् ।[। १३*]^{32a} श्रीवल्लभा [ख्यो]-
 54. जनि तस्य सूनुश्रीमान् प्रतिष्ठापित पाण्डयरा-

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55. ज्यः । नारीविधेः पूरुषरूपि [णी]
 56. यो दूरीकृतौ³³ यद्वचसापि भ[ो]-
 57. जः [। १४*] ³⁴सेतौ वीक्षितताम्रपत्रफलक [ः]
 58. श्रीवल्लभोन्यः पर[ः] श्रीमानाभरणः कृतेश्वरसभः श्रीम[ज्ज]-
 59. [य]न्ते पुरे। कश्चिदक्षिणकाशि[का]रव्यनग[री]द्रष्टा च विश्वेश्व-
 60. रं यद्वंशप्रभवस्स मानक[व]चस्तत्र प्रतिष्ठापयन् ।[। १५*]³⁵ अन-
 61. न्तरन्तस्य ततोभिरामपराक्रमाख्यात् ³⁶जनितावभूताम् ।]
 62. पराक्रमक्षमापतिशालिवाटीपतिक्षितीशौ कलिता-

27. Read ०ल्यं ममन्थ.

27.a The secondary au symbols are at the end of the last line.

28. Read ०द्वल०.

29. Metre वसन्ततिलकम् .

30. Metre प्रहर्षिणी.

31. Metre वसन्ततिलकम् .

32. Read ० क्रमा०.

32a. Metre वसन्तमालिका.

33. Read, ० कृतो.

34. Metre इन्द्रवज्रा.

35. शार्दूलविक्रीडितम् .

36. Read ०ख्याजनि०.

63. धिराज्यौ ।[। १६*]³⁷ साराङ्गालिवृतीश्वरस्य³⁸ धरणीम् धत्तुम् भु-
 64. जं ह्यातनोदाशादन्तिकुलाचलेन्द्रफणिराडं-
 65. शैस्सरोजासनः।³⁹ वीरश्रीरमणस्य यस्य परथा वि-
 66. क्रान्तिमानेष किम्⁴⁰ दानाम्भः कटकञ्च काञ्चनमयं
 67. (८)धत्ते सदा भोगिताम् ।[। १७*]⁴¹ तस्यात्मजो वसुमतीमतिवी-
 68. ररामनामा शशास यदुदारमहःप्रदीपः । प्राण[।]-
 69. निलानचलयत् परभूपतीनामत्यभुतं⁴² कृततदक्षि-
 70. महान्धकारः ।[। १८*]⁴³ भृतवत्यशेष[व]सुधां सुचिरादति-
 71. वीररामनृपतौ महिते । त्रिद[व] ⁴⁴गते तदनु मन्त्रि-
 72. वरैरभिषेचितस्तदनुजोस्य पदे ।[। १९*]⁴⁵ श्रीवल्लु-
 73. भक्षोणिपतेश्च तस्य पट्टाभिषिके नियत[न्दि]जा-
 74. [न]।म् । दानाम्बुपुरैरभिषिच्यमाना देवीपदन्दर्शय-
 75. ते धरित्री ।[। २०*]⁴⁶ ह्रत्वा मन्त्रपुरस्सरं रिपुयशोलाजान् प्र-
 76. तापानले सम्प्रापय्य पदानि सप्तभुवनेष्वारोप्य
 77. मेरुपलम्[।]ख्यात[ः*](1)कीर्त्तिमयी⁴⁷ वधूम् परिणयन् श्रीव-
 78. ल्लभक्षमापतिस्सम्यक् कौतुकमाश्रीतो⁴⁸ विजयते
 79. गृहन्⁴⁹ द्विजेन्द्राशिषः।[। २१*]⁵⁰ श्रीमज्जयन्तमंगलनगराधि-⁵¹
 80. पतिश्चिरात् । क्षेम[।]सुरनारसिंहः केरळध्वान्त-
 81. [भा]नुमान् ।[। २२*]⁵² श्रीचोळसिन्धुवडवानलभूमातिशो-
 82. भितः[।*]⁵³ कोजटिलवर्म्मत्रिभुवनचक्रवात्ति⁵⁴ विश्रुतः [॥ २३*]
 83. वलयेन कृतच्छेदवारिमकुटोपि च[।*]⁵⁵ साहि-

37. Metre वंशस्थम् .

38. Read सारां शालिवृतीश्वरस्यधरणीं धत्तुम्

39. The secondary *an*-symbols are the end of the last line.

40. Read किं दा०.

41. Metre शार्दूलविक्रीडितम् .

42. Read० कृतं.

43. Metre वसन्तविलकम् .

44. Read त्रिदिवं.

45. Metre प्रमिताक्षरा.

46. Metre इन्द्रवज्रं.

47. Read कीर्त्तिमयी.

48. Read० माश्रितो .

49. Read गृह्य.

50. Metre शार्दूलविक्रीडितम् .

51. Read० मङ्गल०

52. Read० चक्रवर्त्ति.

84. त्यसार्वभौमश्च देवब्राह्मणतर्पणः । [१ २४*] महिता-
 85. त्रेयगोत्रश्च मधुरापुरनायकः [१*] कोनेरमै-
 86. क्कोण्डान्विरुदः कोपदूरीकृताहितः । [१ २५*] इ-
 87. त्यादिविरुदैर्वन्दित्या नित्यमभिष्टुतः । काम्बोजभो-
 88. कालिगकरहाटादि⁵⁴पार्थिवैः । [१ २६*] प्रतीहारपदम् प्रा-
 89. तैः प्रस्तुतस्तुतिघोषणः । [१ २६, ॥ *]⁵⁵ सोयम् पाण्डयक्षिती-
 90. न्द्रस्सुरपतिमकुटीताडनप्रौढधामोदण्डश्चण्डायु-
 91. धश्रीमकरमयशोलाञ्जलिनोदारमेरुः⁵⁶ विह्वयातो
 92. वीरभद्रस्समिति जयरमाचारुवेणीकृपाणो वीर[:] श्री-
 93. वल्लभाख्यो विभुकुलतिलको रम्यमुखीम् प्रशास्ति । [१ २७, ॥*]⁵⁷
 94. अभिरामपराक्रमो य एषामखिलाशाभरणो.
 95. रुकीर्त्तिरु [क्त] : । स्वमहोमयदीपिकास्कुलिंग⁵⁸ प्रतिमाना-
 96. हिमरश्मिपावकेन्दुः । [१ २८॥, *]⁵⁹ अजनि पराक्रमपाण्डघोष्यस्मा⁶⁰
 97. त् कुलशेखराख्यया युक्तः । राजन्वती धराभूत्⁶¹ रञ्जित.
 98. जगता मनस्विना येन । [१ २९॥, *]⁶² यत्यर्थिप्रेयसीनान्दिनकरमह-
 99. सो यस्य घोरे वनान्ते धावन्तीनान्नितान्तनिजनिज-
 100. रमणान्वेषणात्याकुलानाम् । साक्रन्दा वाक् सखीभिर्मु-
 101. खरमुपगता चाश्रुधारा दशोप्रे तन्नोथान्द्रे वि-
 102. चेत्तुं⁶³ किमथ गिरिदरीमम्बुधीन्त्वा⁶⁴ भजेताम् । [१ ३०, * ॥]⁶⁵ तस्माद्यथा ज-
 103. लनिधे^{65a} गुणरामनामा ताराधिपोजनि पराक्रमपा-
 104. ण्डयभूपात् । यस्याभवद्विबुधपोषणमीश्वरै-
 105. कमौलिप्रदेशभृतता शिशिरो गुणोपि । [१ ३१॥*]⁶⁶ यस्य श्री-

54. Read ° कालिङ्ग °.

55. Metre of vv 22—26½, अनुष्टुप् .

56. Read ° लाञ्छनो °.

57. Metre खगधरा.

58. Read ° लिङ्ग °.

59. Metre वसन्ततिलकम् .

60 The secondary α symbol of रमा is at the beginning of the next line.

61. Read ° रञ्जित °.

62. Metre गीतिः.

63. The Secondary e symbol of चे is at the end of the previous line.

64. Read ° स्बुधिञ्चा °.

65. Metre खगधरा.

65a. Read ° धेरुण °.

66. Metre वसन्ततिलकम् .

106. गुणरामनाम दधतो युत्तं^{66a} हृत्तरिदया (I) सिन्धोर्वा-
107. ह्रमहोभरस्य नळिनीबन्धोर्विशेषो महान् । ते-
108. नारातिमहीभुजो विदळिता नानाविधेनाधुना भित्वा
109. मण्डलमेतदीयमभजन् सूत्रामगुप्तम् पुरम् । [। ३२॥*]⁶⁷ तस्यानु-
110. जो विजयते वरतुंगरामनामापरो⁶⁸ जगति भोज इवो⁶⁹-
111. रुधामा । वक्षश्चित्तं कमलया दययेक्षणञ्च यस्या⁷⁰-
112. भ्यसूयमिति वक्त्रमवाप वाणी । [। ३३॥*] दोर्दण्डसति चण्ड-
113. धामनि धनुस्संक्रान्तियुत्ते⁷¹ द्विषस्सर्व्वे स्वर्व्व [नि]ताघन-
114. स्तनपरीरम्भं समातन्वते । यस्य श्रीवरतुंग⁷¹ राम-
115. नृपतेर्धृत्वा यशःकञ्चुकं सेवन्ते च हसन्तिका-
116. नलमिव स्फारम् प्रतापन्दिशः । [। ३४॥*]⁷³ मुक्तस्माभारयद्वैरि-
117. पु भृशकुपिताः कुभिकूर्म्माहिशैलाः⁷⁴ पण्णास्वा-
118. दम् पयोवर्त्तनमदुरनिलाहारताञ्चागतित्वम् । धी-
119. रे यस्मिन् ददुस्तन्दधति च भुजयोर्भूमहेन्द्रे
120. प्रहृष्टा दानोह्रासं सुवृत्तस्थिति⁷⁵मपि च महाभो—
121. गतान्धीरताञ्च । [। ३५॥*]⁷⁶ श्रीमज्जयन्तमंगलनगराधिपातिश्चिरा-
122. त् । [। ३६*] क्षेमासुरनारसिंहः केरळध्वान्तभानुमान् ।
123. श्रीचोळसिन्धुवडवानलभूमातिशोभितः । [। ३७*] कोजटि-
124. लवर्मत्रिभुवनचक्रवर्त्तीति विश्रुतः । वलयेन
125. छेद्वलारिमकुटापि⁷⁷ च । [। ३८*] साहस्यसार्व्वभौमैश्च दे-
126. वन्राक्षगतर्पण' । महितात्रेयगोत्रश्च मधुरा[पु]-
127. र नायकः । [। ३९*] कोनेमैक्कोण्डान्विरुदः कोप-
128. दूरीकृताहितः । इत्यादिविरुदैर्वन्दितस्या नित्यमभि[ष्टु]तः । [। ४०*]
129. काम्बोजभोजकालिंग⁷⁸ करहाटादिपार्थिवैः । प्रती

66-a. Read युत्तं.

67. Metre शार्दूलविक्रीडितम्.

68. Read ०गुञ्ज०

69. रो is engraved below the line.

70. Metre वसन्ततिलकम्.

71. Read ०युक्ते

72. Read ०गुञ्ज०.

73. Metre, शार्दूलविक्रीडितम्.

74. Read कुम्भि०

75. Read ०सुवृत्ता०

76. Metre स्रग्धरा-

77. Read ०छेद०. The secondary e symbol of छेदे is at the end of the last time.

78. Read ०कालिङ्ग०

130. हारपदम् प्राप्तैः प्रस्तुतस्तुतिघोषणः । [४१*]⁷⁹ सोयम्-
 131. पाण्डयमहीपतिस्सुरतरुस्पद्धालुविश्राणनस्सर्वो-
 132. व्वींशनतो बलेन महता संहृत्य विद्वेषिणः ।
 133. आसेतोरपि चाहिमाद्रि रचयन् कीर्त्तिं⁸⁰ समग्राम म-
 134. हाराजः श्रीवरतुं⁸¹ राम⁸¹ इति विख्यातः प्रशास्ति क्षमाम् । [४२*]⁸²
 135. शुभमस्तु [।*] शिवास्यव्योम भूतेन्दुगणिते शकवत्स-
 136. रे । [४२॥*] ख्यातातिवीररामश्रविलुभदेवभूमिपालस्य । अभि-
 137. षेकदिवसमादित आरभ्यातीत एधिते वर्षे । [४३॥*] एकविं-⁸³
 138. शतिसंख्याके सुमानुशुभवत्सरे । वसन्तर्त्तौ-
 139. चैत्रमासे दिवसे तस्य पञ्चमे । [४४॥*] पक्षे सितेत-
 140. ⁸⁴रे भौमवासरेष्युत्तरायणे । पञ्चम्यां हर्ष-
 141. णे योगे तैतिलाकरणान्विते । [४५॥*] शुभे च मूलन
 142. क्षेत्रे कु⁸⁵लेश्वरसन्निधौ । करमद्वैश्वरस्या—
 143. पि सन्निधौ श्रेयसन्निधौ । [४६॥*] नानाशाखाभिधागो-
 144. त्रसूत्रभ्यश्शास्त्रवित्तया । विख्यातेभ्यो द्विजातिभ्यो-

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145. वेदवित्भ्यो⁸⁶ विशेषतः । [४७॥*] पाण्डयमण्डलराज्यस्थमादि-
 146. नाडौ च विश्रुतम् । श्रीवल्लभमहीपेन दत्तेन च मनस्विना । [४८॥*]
 147. नञ्जैपुञ्जैसमेतेन नानासस्योपशोभिना । इलु-
 148. प्यैयडिपट्ट्याख्योपग्रामेण समन्वितम् । [४९॥*] वरतुंगरामना⁸⁶-
 149. म्ना विर्ताण्णेन महीभुजा । वलंकैमीहामन्नाम्ना नञ्जैपु-
 150. ञ्जैविशोभिना । [५०॥*] शिवक्काळियाकुरिच्चिरिति नामाप्युपे-
 151. युपा । उपग्रामद्वयेनापि युतं वासगृहं श्रियः । [५१॥*] कळक्कूरुसु-
 152. सीमान्तादर्जुनाख्यानदीवरात् । प्राचीन्दिशमुपेतञ्चकडम्ब-

79. Metre of cv 36—41, अनुष्टुप्.

80. Read कीर्त्ति समग्रं.

81. Read तुङ्ग

82. Metre, शार्दूलविक्रीडितम्

83. The anusvāra of विं is at the beginning of the

next line.

84. The secondary र symbol of रे is at the beginning of the previous line.

85. Read वेदविभ्यो.

86. Read तुङ्ग

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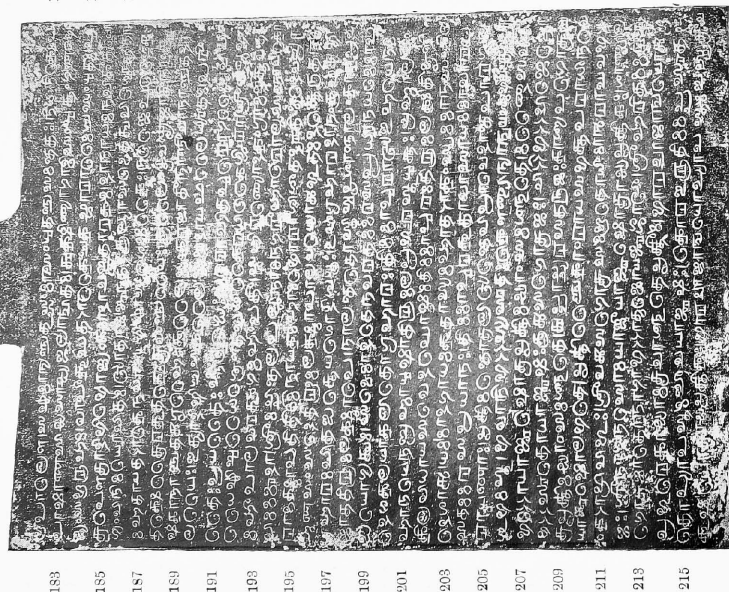
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153. कुळनामकात् । [५२ ॥*] तिरुमळभट्टप्रामादाप्रेयीमाश्रितान्दिशम् । शेव्वलिरुप्पु-
 154. सीमान्तादाक्षिणस्यान्दिशि स्थितम् । [५३ ॥*] कोत्तेनेरिसुसीमान्तान्नैक-
 155. तीं हरितं श्रितम् । श्रीमत्^{९७} शकुडिनहर सीमान्तवर्मिनांकतः^{९८} [५४ ॥*] निश्चिय-
 156. स्थापितायाश्च शिलायाः पश्चिमं स्थितम् । वेळ्ळूह्रामत्तश्चापि वा-
 157. यवीन्दिशमाश्रित । [५५ ॥*] श्रीमत्पेरियकाळियाकुरिच्चेरुतरं स्थितम् । मं-
 158. ^{९९}गलग्रामसीमान्ता दज्जुनाख्य नदीवरे । [५६ ॥*] मध्यतः स्थापितात् चारुवा-
 159. मनांकशिलातलात्^{१००} । ऐशान्यमेवमष्टाभिस्सीमाभिः परिशोभि-
 160. तम् । [५७ ॥*] शेव्वलिरुप्पुग्रामैतत्प्रामसंवादहेतुषु^{१०१} । शेकुडिनहर-
 161. चक्रवामनांक^{१०२}शिलान्तरे । [५८ ॥*] अन्तर्भूताकृतपुञ्जैक्षेत्रेभ्यर्द्ध-
 162. शमाश्रितम् । सहैवकल्पिताम्नायदेवभागद्वयेनच । [५९ ॥*] एकाधि-
 163. कचत्वारिंशत्तृत्तिसंख्यासमन्वितम् । प्रख्यातश्रीपुदुक्कोट्टै [ग्रा]
 164. मस्य प्रतिनामकम् । [६० ॥*] श्रीमात्तिम्मापुरमिति प्रतीतिं समुपाश्रितम् । आच-
 165. न्दार्कमिमं ग्राममग्रहारं विधित्सतः । [६१ ॥*] श्रीमत्^{१०३} चिन्तलपल्लयाख्य-
 166. हारनायकसन्मणेः । ^{१०४}रङ्गनाथपदाम्भोजराजन्मयुकरस्य-
 167. च । [६२ ॥*] रामनायकदुग्धाधिराकाचन्द्रस्य धीमतः । तिम्मिनायकवर्य-
 168. स्य तृतीयऋणशार्धम् । [६३ ॥*] क्षिपतो वंशशीपस्य निलं सत्स्नेह-
 169. वार्द्धिनः । स्वामिद्रोहरगण्डस्य शौर्य्यौदार्य्यपयेनिनेधः । [६४ ॥*]^{१०५}
 170. धर्मनयास्थितिदेवब्राह्मण^{१०६}सत्भक्तिधर्मसूनोश्च । वीरमही-
 171. पतिक्षिणभुज्जण्डस्यापि दानशौण्डस्य । [६५ ॥] ^{१०७} तिम्मिन्मापालसू-
 172. नोरिः रुमलवृपतेर्यस्य जन्ये विपक्षै रागोद्रेकाभिया-
 173. तैश्शितशरनिहतैरश्रितश्चेन्नविम्बम् । व्योमाकारे कटा-
 174. हे विमलतरयशःपूरपूर्णो वितीर्णो मार्त्ताण्डो नूनमन्हा-^{१०८}

87. Read •मच्छे•

88. Read •नाङ्कतः•

89. Read मङ्गल•

90. Read वामनाङ्क•

91. Read •द्राम•

92. Read वामनाङ्क•

93. Read द्रुशि•

94. Read •मच्चि•

95. Read रङ्ग•

96. Metre of vv 42½—64½, •अनुष्टुप्

97. Read सद्म. 97a. Metre गीतिः

98. Read •मह्नां

175. मणिमयघटिकामानपात्रीभवेत् किम् । [। ६६।*]⁹⁹ येनारिभूपनिकरान् व
 176. रलोहयन्त्रे प्रक्षिप्तसीसगुळिका पतगान्निपात्ययानात्
 177. कुलायशिखरात् किमशेषमित्रं यद्वयोमयानमनयत् किल यस्मिनीडम् । [। ६७।*]¹⁰⁰
 178. वीरपक्षोणिपालस्य सम्मतिम्भूर्द्धिं विभ्रतः । [। ६८*]¹⁰¹ गिरिमकरन्दमहिम्नो
 179. गरिमद्वतो भूपतेः कृपाधाम्नः । तिरुमलनायकनान्नो हारि-
 180. सहनीयांघ्रिवासद्वत्सीम्नः । [। ६९*] विज्ञप्तिं सुकृतार्थी व्यातन्व[।.]

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181. नावुपायनं श्रवसः । विख्यात श्रीवल्लभभूपतिवरतुंगराम¹⁰²
 182. भूपालौ । [। ७०*]⁰⁴ सर्वमान्यञ्चतुस्सीमासंयुतञ्जसमन्ततः । निधिनिक्षेप-
 183. पाषाणसिद्धसाध्यजलान्दितम् । [। ७१*] अक्षिप्यागामिसंयुक्तं गणभो-
 184. ज्यं सभूरुहम् । वापीकूपतटाकैश्च ¹⁰⁵ कल्लारामैश्च संयुतम् । [७२*] पु-
 185. त्रपौत्रादिभिर्भोज्यं क्रमादाचन्द्रतारकम् । दानाधमनविक्री[ति] यो-
 186. ग्यं विनिमयोचितम् । [। ७३*] इत्याताञ्जुननदीकृत्यासमेतवविशोभिना ।
 187. महता च तटाकेन वारतुभिर्वास्तुशेषकैः । [। ७४*] नङ्गपुञ्जैक-
 188. तक्षेत्रैरकृतक्षेत्रसञ्चयैः । कुलैस्त्रिवर्णजातीनां क-
 189. र्पकानाञ्च तत्तृहैः¹⁰⁶ । [। ७५*] कुलैस्संकरजातीनानीचानाञ्च तदा-
 190. लयैः । इत्यादिभिश्च सकलैस्समुदायफलैर्युतम् । [७६*] परी-
 191. तैः प्रपतैः स्निग्धैः [पु]रोहितपुरागमैः । विवि-
 192. धैर्विबुधैः[*] श्रौतपथिकैरधिकै[रिगिरा] । [। ७७*] श्रीवल्लभ-
 193. महीपालवरतुंग¹⁰⁷ महीपरी । सहिरण्योदकं ग्रामन्दत्तवन्त[।]-
 194. विमम मुदा¹⁰⁸ । [। ७८*]¹⁰⁹ श्रीमच्चिन्तलपल्लिनामनगरीहारोल्लसन्नायको-
 195. रामक्षमापतितिम्मनायकमहाम्भोरशिशीतद्युतिः । देवव्रा-
 196. ह्मणसंसदे तिरुमलक्षमापालवय्योदितुतम्¹¹⁰ दत्तेनूतन[म]-
 197. ग्रहारमपि तन्धत्ते यशो दिग्बधूः । [। ७९*]¹¹¹ उव्वग्रहारदानं कुर्वल्याभि-

99. Metre, स्रग्धरा.

100. Metre, वसन्तालिलकम्.

101. Metre, अनुष्टुप्.

102. Read. ०याङ्गिप्र०.

103. Read ०तुङ्ग०.

104. Metre of १७ 69-70, गीतिः

105. Read कच्छा०.

106. Read तर्हैः.

107. Read ०तुङ्ग०.

108. Read ०विमममुदा,

109. Metre of १७ 71-78, अनुष्टुप्.

110. Read दत्तम्.

111. Metre, शार्दूलविक्रीडितम्.

198. जाततिरुमलक्ष्मणे । नालन्ततोस्ति मुदशान्नलंकारप्रब-
 199. न्धयोग्यत्वम् [। ८०*]¹¹³ सम्मोदितेन वरतम्मरसप्रधानधर्म्मोप-
 200. देशकलया कलितोग्रहारः । तिम्मापुराण्य इह येन स-
 201. हानयेन ब्रह्मायुषा तिरुमलप्रभुरस्तु युत्तः¹¹⁴ [। ८१*] ब्रह्माल[यं]
 202. किल विधाय स वेदघोषम् तिम्मापुरम्¹¹⁵ तिरुमलक्षितिभूति-
 203. देशात् । धर्म्मादगाधमकृतास्य महातटाकं स्वम्मानसं¹¹⁶ किल-
 204. स तम्मरसप्रधानः [। ८२*]¹¹⁷ तिम्मापुरकृतावासा धर्म्माचारप-
 205. रायणः । वृत्तिमन्तोत्र¹¹⁸ लिख्यन्ते विप्रावेदान्तपारगाः । [। ८३*]
 206. शुभमस्तु [। '] भवानिभट्टस्य सुतः कौण्डिन्यान्वयसम्भवः । ति[ष्णा]-
 207. भट्टो याजुषोत्र वृत्तिमर्द्धी समश्नुते । [। ८४*] मण्टे सर्व [।]-
 208. भट्टसुतो याजुषः कुत्सगोत्रजः । चिट्टिभट्टद्विजिन्द्रो-
 209. त्र वृत्तिमर्द्धी समश्नुते । [। ८५*]¹¹⁹ अप्पाच्च्यरसतनूजः काश्यपगोत्रश्च-
 210. याजुषो लभते । वृत्तिञ्चैकां रायसभक्तपरार्धानवे-¹²⁰
 211. कटाद्रिविभुः । [। ८६*]¹²¹ श्रीवत्सगोत्रसम्भूतो धीमान् राघवभ[ट्ट]-
 212. जः । श्रीनागनसोमयाजी याजुषोत्तार्द्ध वृत्तिकः । [। ८७*]¹²² शाण्डिल्य-
 213. गोत्रजातो नागामट्टात्मजो यजुश्शाखी । श्रीहरितम्मर[स]-
 214. प्रभुरेकाद्धमित्र चाश्नुते वृत्तीम्¹²³ [। ८८*]¹²⁴ भारद्वाजान्वयोत्तम्भू-¹²⁵
 215. तोप्यापस्तम्बी च याजुषः । कोरूरु तिम्मप्पसुतः
 216. कृष्णयोत्तार्द्धवृत्तिकः । [। ८९*] भारद्वाजान्वयोप्यापस्तम्बसूत्री च

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217. याजुषः काळहस्ति सुतोप्यत्र काळहस्यर्द्धवृत्तिकः । [। ९०*] धृढ
 218. चः कामकायनविश्वामित्रोप्यार्थकः बत्तुदरुतिम्मया-
 219. र्थमुतोप्यत्रैक वृत्तिकः । [। ९१*] सुग्रीस्तिरुमलभट्टसुतः कौ-
 220. शिकगोत्रजः । याजुषः श्रीवैकटाद्रिभट्टोप्यत्रार्द्धवृत्ति-

113. Metre, गीतिः.

114. Read युक्तः.

115. Read ०षं तिम्मापुरं.

116. Read स्वर्म्मा०.

117. Metre of ७७ 81-82, वसन्ततिलकम्.

118. Read वृत्ति०.

119. Metre of ७७ 83-85, अनुष्टुप्.

120. Read वेङ्क०.

121. Metre, गीतिः.

122. Metre, अनुष्टुप्.

123. Read वृत्तिम्.

124. Metre गीतिः.

125. Read योद्धतो०.

221. कः : [। ९२*] भारति श्रीतिरुमलभट्टजो बह्वचस्सुधीः । श्रीवत्सगो-
 222. त्रः कचालैभूसुरोत्रार्द्धवृत्तिकः । [। ९३*] भारति श्रीतिरुमलभट्टपु-
 223. त्रात्र बह्वचः । श्रीवत्सगोत्रो राघवभट्टोर्द्धा वृत्तिमश्नु-
 224. ते । [। ९४*] अक्कलभट्ट[स्य] सुतः कौण्डिन्यान्वयसम्भवः । याजुषौन-
 225. न्तयोप्यत्र वृत्तिमर्द्धासुपैति सः । [। ९५*] याजुषः(ः) श्रीवत्सगो-
 226. त्रो¹²⁶ नागाभट्टस्य नन्दनः । वृत्तिमर्द्धामिहाप्नोति शोक्कम्-
 227. भट्ट मर्हासुरः । [९६*] ब[ह्वच]ः कामकायनविधामित्रान्वयो-
 228. ¹²⁷त्भवः । लक्ष्मणभट्टवेदाद्रिभट्टोप्यत्रार्द्धवृत्तिकः । [। ९७*]
 229. शालावतान्वयश्चिह्न[सर्वा] भट्टस्य नन्दनः । नैषधं रा-
 230. मकृष्णोत्र वृत्तिमर्द्धा सुपैत्यसौ । [। ९८*] धीमास्तिरुमलभट्ट-
 231. नन्दनो बलभद्रयः । लभते वृत्तिमात्रार्द्धामात्रेयो या-
 232. जुषोत्तमः । [। ९९*] बह्वचः श्रीतिरुमिल्ल नारणाचार्य नन्दनः ।
 233. आत्रेयान्वयजो बलभद्रार्योत्रार्द्धवृत्तिकः । [। १००*] वासि-
 234. ष्ठान्वयसम्भूतोप्ये¹²⁸तिम्मयनन्दनः । बह्वचो वैकटभ-¹²⁸
 235. ष्ठोवृत्तिमर्द्धा¹²⁹मिहाश्नुते । [। १०१*] बह्वचोप्यात्रेयगोत्रो-
 236. कोण्डुभट्टतनूभवः । लभेत नरसम्भो वृत्तिमत्रार्द्धस-
 237. म्मिताम् । [। १०२*] वैकटनु¹²⁹[¹²⁹प]वार् पुत्रोप्यात्रेयान्वयसम्भवः ।
 238. अक्कारक्कण्णिनामापि द्विजेन्द्रोत्रार्द्धवृत्तिकः । [। १०३*] बह्वचः
 239. कृष्णमरसनन्दनः काश्यपान्वयः । अश्नुते वृत्तिमत्रार्द्धा लक्ष्म-
 240. यद्विजशेखरः । [। १०४*] बादरायणगोत्रश्च श्रीतिरुमलयात्मजः ।
 241. सुधीस्तिम्मरसो प्यत्र बह्वचः पादवृत्तिकः । [१०५*] मौनभा-
 242. र्गवगोत्रोत्र विरूपाक्षय्यनन्द[न]ः । रंगप्पय्यसुधीरेका-¹³⁰
 243. म्¹³¹ वृत्तिमाप्नोति बह्वचः । [। १०६*] श्रीवत्सगोत्रजो नागाभट्टपु-

126. The first limb of the secondary *o* of प्रो is in the previous line.

127. Read ०योद्धवः

128. In ० ये¹²⁸ the Tamil rough *r* is used.

129. Read वेङ्कट०

130. Read. रङ्ग०

131. Read रेकां

244. त्रोट्र याजुषः । विश्वनाथसुधीरर्द्धा वृत्तिमाप्नोति शाश्वति-¹³²
 245. म् । [। १०७*] याजुषः श्रीवत्सगोत्रजातो वेंग¹³³ लभट्टजः । लभ-
 246. ते वृत्तिमत्रार्द्धा¹³⁴ गंगाधरमहीसुरः । [। १०८*]¹³⁵ भारद्वाजो मगतल ल-
 247. क्ष्मण्याचार्य्यजो यजुःशाखी । औभठयाचार्य्यवरो वृ-
 248. त्तिभिहैकां समश्नुते घीभान् । [। २०९*]¹³⁶ कौण्डिन्यगोत्रजो-
 249. प्यापस्तम्बी केशवयात्मजः । कोण्डयो वृत्तिमत्रार्द्धा-
 250. मश्नुते याजुषोत्तमः । [। ११०*] श्रीरामनाथभट्टस्य तनयोप्य-
 251. [त्र] बह्वचः । जामदग्न्या¹³⁷ वत्सगोत्रो रामलिंगोद्ध वृत्ति-
 252. कः । [। १११*] कौशिकान्वयजः पत्म्नाभभट्टस्य¹³⁹ नन्दनः सप्तर्षि [र्षि]-

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253. हृचोप्यत्र वृत्तिमर्द्धा समश्नुते । [। ११२*]¹⁴⁰ शुक्लयजुः कात्याय-
 254. नसूत्रश्रीवत्सगोत्रसम्भूतः । तिरुमल-
 255. भट्टोप्यर्द्धमिहाश्नुते वृत्तिम्¹⁴¹ । [। ११३*] श्रीकौशिकविश्वामित्र-
 256. गोत्रास्तिम्मरसात्मजः । वृत्तिन्तिम्मरसोप्यर्द्धामत्र प्रा-
 257. णोति बह्वचः । [। ११४*] याजुषः श्रीवत्सगोत्रः ख्यातातिप्पर-
 258. सात्मजः । श्रीमन्नागरसोप्यत्र पादवृत्तिमिहाश्नुते । [। ११५*]
 259. श्रीकोण्डयार्य्यतनयश्रीवत्सान्वयसम्भवः । श्रीमद्रामानु-
 260. जाचार्य्यो याजुषोत्रार्द्धवृत्तिकः । [। ११६*] श्रीमत्तिरुमलभट्ट-
 261. सुतो बाधूलसान्वयः । नागाभट्टो याजुषोत्र वृत्तिम-
 262. र्द्धा समश्नुते । [। ११७*] वसिष्ठगोत्रसम्भूतो लिंगभट्ट¹⁴²-
 263. स्य नन्दनः । बह्वचश्रीतिम्मयोपि वृत्तिमर्द्धमिहैति
 264. सः । [। ११८*] मैत्रेयगोत्रजोप्यापस्तम्बसूत्रो च याजुषः ।¹⁴³
 265. कोण्डुभट्टसुतश्चिद्विभट्टोप्यत्रार्द्ध वृत्तिकः । [। ११९*] ख्यातः

132. Read शाश्वतीम्.

133. This is a popular form of वेङ्कट.

134. Read वृत्तिमत्रार्धा गङ्गा०.

135. Metre *mv* 89-108, अनुष्टुप्.

136. Metre गीतिः.

137. Read जामदग्न्यो.

138. Read ० लिङ्गो०

139. Read पद्मनाभ. भ is engraved below the line.

140. Metre of *mv* 110-112, अनुष्टुप्.

141. Read वृत्ति०.

142. Read लिङ्ग०.

143. The *visarga* of षः is at the beginning of next line.

266. ¹⁴⁴कौशिकगोत्रश्च विरूपाक्षय्यनन्दनः । लिगभट्टद्विजो-
 267. प्यर्द्धी वृत्तिमेतीह याजुषः । [। १२०*] बह्वचः काश्यपगोत्र-
 268. स्सुधीरणाच्चिभट्टजः । श्रीवेंकटाद्रिमहोत्र¹⁴⁵ वृत्तिमर्द्धी¹⁴⁶
 269. समश्नुते । [। १२१*] निधुवकाश्यपगोत्रो दिवाकरतनूभवः । अ-
 270. श्नुते ¹⁴⁷वृत्तिमर्द्धी रामयो बह्वचस्सुधीः । [। १२२*] शाण्डिल्यगो-
 271. त्रसम्भूतोप्यापस्तम्बसूत्रजः¹⁴⁸ । श्रीरामपत्तनयो ना-
 272. ग्पोत्रार्द्ध वृत्तिकः¹⁴⁹ । [। १२३*] मलयस्य सुतो धीमान् याजुषो हरि[ता]-
 273. न्वयः । मणियप्पद्विजो वृत्तिमर्द्धी लभते चिरात् । [। १२४*] हरितान्व-
 274. यसम्भूतोप्याश्विलायनसूत्रजः । लिगभट्टस्य¹⁵⁰ तनयो ना-
 275. ग्पोत्रार्द्धवृत्तिकः । [। १२५*] याजुषो गौतमगोत्रः कूचभट्टस्य
 276. नन्दनः । अत्रार्द्धी वृत्तिमभ्येति वेंकटाद्रिमहीसुरः । [। १२६*] आपस्तम्-
 277. बसूत्रश्च गौतमान्वयसम्भवः । देवपत्तनयः कुप्पाभ-
 278. द्योत्रार्द्धी वृत्तिकः । [। १२७*] तिरुमलाचार्य्यसुतो याजु[षः]
 279. ¹⁵¹कौशिकान्वयः । पेदयार्थ्य सुधीरत्र वृत्तिमर्द्धीमुपैति सः । [। १२८*]
 280. पुत्रोभिरामनाथस्याप्यत्र सावर्णिगोत्रजः । श्रीस-
 281. भापतिकामार्क्षी सामगः पादवृत्तिकः । [। १२९*] ढक्कासभाप-
 282. तेस्सुतुः काश्यपान्वयसम्भवः । याजुषो राम-
 283. योप्यत्र¹⁵² पादवृत्तिं समाश्नुते । [। १३०*] सुतो वरदराजस्य भा-
 284. रद्वाज्ञान्वयोभवः¹⁵³ । सुधीर्वर्णदिभट्टोत्र बह्वचोप्य-
 285. र्द्धवृत्तिकः । [। १३१*] याजुषः श्रीगर्ग्यगोत्रो¹⁵⁴ वरिराघवनन्दनः । पे-
 286. रियपेरुमाळ सोमयाजी चार्द्ध वृत्तिकः । [। १३२*] याजुषोप्या-
 287. त्रेयगोत्रश्चेत्तुभट्टस्य नन्दनः । वृत्तिमर्द्धीमिहामोति मल्लु-

144. The *e* limb of the secondary *au* of the letter, 150. Read लिङ्गा०.

कौ is at the end of the previous line.

151. The *e* limb of the secondary *au* of कौ is at the end of the previous line.

145. Read वेङ्क०

146. The *anusvara* of र्द्धी in the beginning of the next line. Read ० मर्द्धी.

152. The *e* limb of the secondary *o* of यो is at the end of the previous line.

147. Read वृत्ति०.

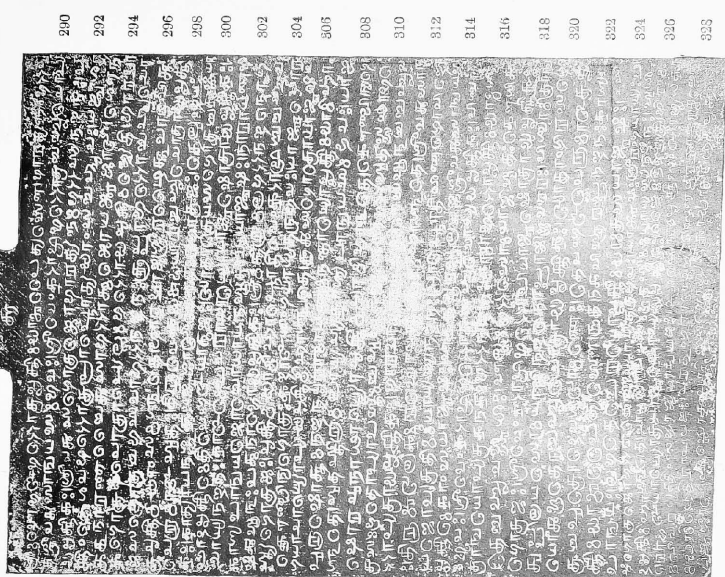
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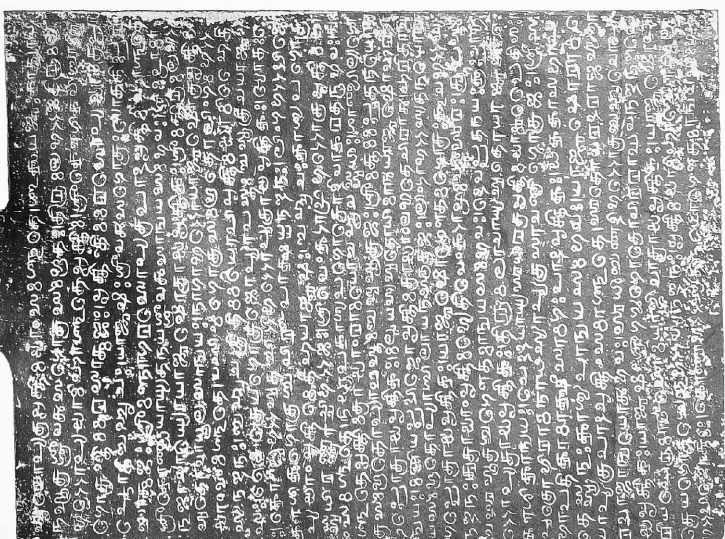
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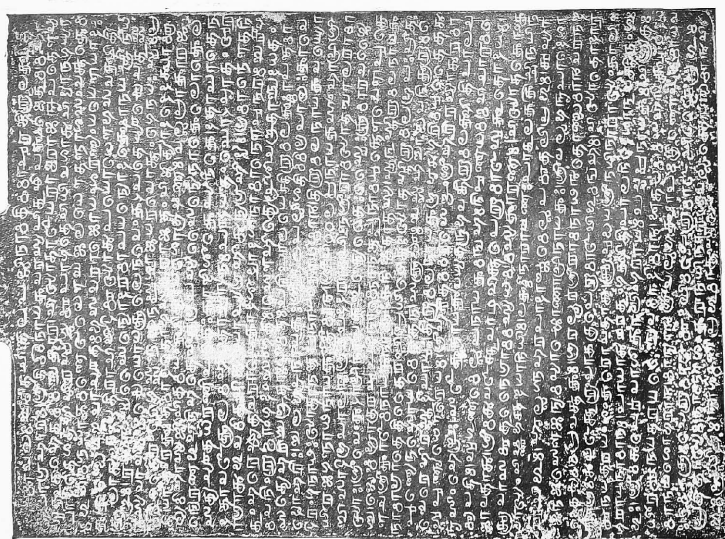


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288. भट्टद्विजोत्तमः । [१३३*] कोण्डिभट्टस्य तनयो गौतमान्वयसम्भवः ।
 289. श्रीमदौभलभट्टो वृत्तिमर्द्धामुपैत्यत्तौ¹⁵⁵ । [१३४*] भारत्यन्मभट्टसु-
 290. तश्श्रीवत्सान्वयसम्भवः । श्रीवेंकटाद्रि¹⁵⁶ भट्टोत्र बह्वचोप्य-
 291. द्वेवृत्तिकः । [१३५*] श्रीवत्सगोत्रजो भारत्यन्मभट्टस्य नन्दनः । वृ-
 292. त्ति केशवभट्टोत्र प्राप्नोत्यर्ही स बह्वचः । [१३६*]¹⁵⁷ यज्वशत-
 293. क्रतुनारणवैत्साभट्टात्मजो यजुस्शाखी । शौन-
 294. कगोत्र[म]त्रोत्राप्येष्टम्भट्टोद्वेवृत्तिमभ्येति । [१३७*]¹⁵⁸ भारद्वा-
 295. जसगोत्रश्च भसवामट्टनन्दनः । कुप्पाभट्टोबह्वचो-
 296. त्र वृत्तिमर्द्धा समश्नुते । [१३८*] भारद्वाजश्श्रीर^{१५९}त्तुवा^{१५९} वित्त-
 297. पेरुमळसुतः । तिरुवेंकडमुडयार् बह्वचोत्राद्वेवृत्ति-¹⁶⁰
 298. कः । [१३९*] कात्यायनश्शुक्लयजुस्शाखी गौतमगोत्रजः । तेलुंगयः¹⁶¹
 299. पादवृत्तिमिति वेंगळयात्मजः । [१४०*] ख्यातात्रेयसगोत्रश्च कृष्णया-
 300. चार्य्यनन्दनः । कालमेघवराचार्य्यो याजुषोत्ताद्वेवृत्तिकः । [१४१*]
 301. काश्यपाव्ययजो बोधानयसूत्रीह याजुषः । नारायणभि-
 302. षकसूनुः^{161a} पत्तनाभोद्वेवृत्तिकः¹⁶² । [१४२*] श्रीमत्तिरुमलभट्टनन्दनोग-
 303. स्यगोत्रजः । वृत्तिमर्द्धामिहामोति¹⁶² वेंकटाद्रिश्चबह्वचः¹⁶³ । [१४३*]
 304. कौण्डिन्यगोत्रः कन्दाळशिग¹⁶⁴चार्य्यतन्मभवः । याजुषो रं-
 305. ¹⁶⁵गयाचार्य्योप्यद्वेवृत्ति¹⁶² मिहाश्नुते । [१४४*] कुत्सगोत्रो याजुष[श्च]
 306. पुरुषोत्तमनन्दनः । रामायणमनन्ताय्यो वृत्तिमर्द्धामिहा-
 307. श्नुते । [१४५*] सुतस्तिरुमलार्य्यस्य काश्यपाव्ययसम्भवः । याजु-
 308. षो रघुनाथाय्यो वृत्तिमर्द्धामिहाश्नुते । [१४६*] कौण्डिन्यगो-
 309. त्रसम्भूतोप्यापस्तम्बसूत्रजः । वीरभट्टसुतस्सर्वामि-
 310. ट्ठोप्यत्ताद्वेवृत्तिकः¹⁶⁶ । [१४७*] भारद्वाजान्वयस्तिस्मरससूनुश्चबह्वचः ।¹⁶⁷

155. Read वृत्तिमर्धा०.

156. Read वेङ्क०.

157. Metre of Vv. 114—136, अनुष्टुप्.

158. Metre, गीतिः.

159. The Tamil letter ୍ is occurs twice in this name.

160. Read० त्राध०.

161. Read तेलुङ्गयः.

161-a. Read पत्तनाभोर्ध०.

162. Read वृत्ति०.

163. Read वेङ्क०.

164. Read शिङ्ग०.

165. Read रङ्गयाचार्य्योप्यध०.

166. The *e* of the secondary *o* belonging to हो is at the end of the previous line.167. The *visarga* of चः is at the beginning of the next line.

311. तिरुमुखलक्ष्मरसो वृत्तिमर्द्धमिहाश्नुते । [१४८*] श्रीवत्सान्व-
 312. यजोप्यत्र तिम्ययार्थस्य नन्दनः । प्राप्नोति वीणगोविन्दो
 313. वृत्तिमेकां स याजुषः । [१४९*] एकद्वरप्लयजश्श्रीवत्सान्वय[स]-
 314. मभवः । श्रीवैकटाद्रिभट्टोत्र बह्वचोप्यर्द्धवृत्तिकः । [१५०*] विश्वा[मि]-
 315. त्रान्वयोप्यत्र कनकंभट्टनन्दनः । कामाभट्टोवृत्तिमर्द्धमश्नु-
 316. ते बह्वचस्सुधीः । [१५१*] एल्लम्भट्टसोमयाजिसुतः कौशिक-
 317. गोत्रजः । श्रीवैकटाद्रिभट्टोपि¹⁶⁸ याजुषोत्रार्द्धवृत्तिकः । [१५२*]
 318. अपिलयसोमयाजिनन्दनोष्पाजिभूसुरः । विश्वामित्रान्व-
 319. योत्भूतो¹⁶⁹ बह्वचोत्रार्द्धवृत्तिकः । [१५३*] ख्यातांगिरसगो-¹⁷⁰
 320. त्रश्च पुत्रो देवशिखामणेः । त्रैवंगल्लपेरुमाळत्र वृ-
 321. ¹⁷¹त्तिमर्द्धमुपैत्यसौ । [१५४*] नूतनकाविसूरप्पनन्दनः काश्य-
 322. पान्वयः । लभते पेरयो वृत्तिमर्द्धमत्र स याजुषः । [१५५*] वसि-
 323. ष्ठगोत्रजो भट्टर्कोण्डयार्थतन्भवः । याजुजः श्रीरंगयार्थः¹⁷² पा
 324. दवृत्तिमिहाश्नुते¹⁷³ । [१५६*] बाधूलान्वयसम्भूतस्तिम्मयार्थस्य नन्दनः । सुधी-
 325. रोभळयार्थोत्र याजुषोप्यर्द्धवृत्तिकः । [१५७*] ¹⁷⁴जैमिनिसूच्चभिराम-
 326. मखी वरवृत्तिं स भार्गवान्वयजः । पूर्वोक्तवृत्तिसंख्याभ्यधिका-¹⁷⁵
 327. मर्द्धमिहैति राघवजः । [१५८*] वरतुंगरामनम्बि¹⁷⁵ सौन्दरराजात्मजो
 328. यजुस्साखी । ¹⁷⁶पूर्वोक्तवृत्तिसंख्याभ्यधिकामर्द्धमिहैति वृत्तिं सः । [१५९*]¹⁷⁷

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329. ब्रह्मावलम्बमितचिन्तलपल्लिनाम तिम्यापुरन्तिरुमलक्षिति-^{177a}
 330. पोप्रहारम् । श्रीतिम्मनायकवरस्य पितुर्विपक्षजेतुर्महा-
 331. सुकृतहेतुमिमञ्चकार । [१६०॥*]¹⁷⁸ विख्याताळियरामार्जनृपतौ¹⁷⁹व्या-
 332. पादिते ¹⁸⁰शतृभिर्वीरस्वर्गमुपागते विधिवशात् विद्यानगर्ग्या-¹⁸¹

168. Read ०वेङ्क०.

169. Read ०द्वृत्तो.

170. Read ०ताङ्गि०.

171. Read वृत्ति०

172. Read ०रङ्ग०.

173. Read ०वृत्ति०.

174. Metre of Vv. 138—157, अनुष्टुप्.

175. Read ०तुङ्ग०.

176. The letter म in ०काम० is engraved below the line.

177. Metre of Vv. 158—159. गीतिः.

177a. The letter म in तिरुमल० is engraved below the line.

178. Metre, वसन्ततिलकम्.

179. Read ०राजनृपतौ.

180. Read शतृभि०.

181. Read ०द्विद्या०.

333. म् भूवि । मग्नस्साक्रमणे खलौखजलधौ तन्नाशसंवर्तके म¹⁸¹।-
334. क्कण्डेय इवाच्युतम् भसवराजो यं शरण्यं ययौ । [१६१*]¹⁸² यादः-
335. कुलात् [पाय] ति राचवीटिमुख्यात् पयोधौ भसवक्षिती-
336. न्द्रम् । रक्षन् स्वसैन्योदरमापयन् यो दक्षोनयत्रीनिधि-¹⁸³
337. रस्य वास [म्] । [१६२*]¹⁸⁴ ऋद्धे योधकुलेन¹⁸⁵ वेंकटपतेर्युद्धे चतुस्स-
338. म्मितैरंगैस्सन्नहनस्पृशा¹⁸⁶ जयरवोत्तुंगेन¹⁸⁷यः स्वम् प्र-
339. ति । यान्तं रक्षितमादितो भसवराजन्तं विजित्याददे दत्वा मू-
340. ल्यमिहास्य जीवितमयं क्षित्या यशोभूषणम् । [१६३*]¹⁸⁸ बल्लुप्राकारज-
341. न्ये रणमुवि निहते वीरभूपस्य सैन्ये नाके लोके ल-
342. सत्यच्युतधरणपतेः कान्दिशकेप्यनीके । दन्ताघातेन
343. दन्तावलकुलमीहतोच्चटनम् पाटयन्तं घोटवृत्तं¹⁸⁹ खुरा-
344. प्रात्¹⁹⁰मुविमितविजयोप्यग्रहात्¹⁹¹ न्यग्रहीयः । [१६४*]¹⁹² भूमानौ तनि-
345. तुं हरेर्वृतवरावेकादशीद्वादशीनामानौ पुनरम्बरी[ष]-
346. मवानि रुग्मांगदं¹⁹³ संगतम् । सौहिल्ये दृशि चन्द्रताञ्च दधत्(।)
347. सत्ये हरिश्चन्द्रताम् धीमन्तम् परिपालयेत्तिरुमलक्ष्मापन्तमा-
348. द्यो हरिः । [१६५*]¹⁹⁴ बलभद्रनायकः श्रीचिन्तलपट्टांशतिमिभूपालः¹⁹⁵ । कावे-
349. टिरंगनाथः¹⁹⁶ ख्यातान्तन्पनायको धीमान् । [१६६*] तिरुमलनायकवर्थ्यो
350. धीरजगन्नाथनायकश्श्रीमान् । श्रीविट्टलपनायकसिंहाद्वित्री-
351. विसाटिभूपालः । [१६७*] श्रीपद्दरामपिनश्रीरामख्यातबालरामा-
352. ख्याः । श्रीवेंकटाद्रिनायक¹⁹⁷ इत्येतैः [स्वैः] कुमारवर्गै-
353. श्व । [१६८*] ज्येष्ठभ्रात्ररघुपतिनाम्नो¹⁹⁸ नन्तपनामयुक्तौ¹⁹⁹ द्वौ । पुत्रौ²⁰⁰

182. Metre शार्दूलविक्रीडितम्.

183. Read ०च्छी०.

184. Metre, इन्द्रवज्रा.

185. Read वेङ्क०.

186. Read ०रङ्गे०.

187. Read ०सुङ्गेन.

188. Metre शार्दूलविक्रीडितम्.

189. Read व्रात्०. The secondary ā of रा is at the beginning of the next line.

190. Read ०दुव०.

191. Read ०ग्रहान्ध्यग्र०.

192. Metre खगधरा.

193. Read ०ग्माङ्गदं.

194. Metre शार्दूलविक्रीडितम्.

195. The letters श्रीचि are engraved below the line.

196. Read ०रङ्गनाथः.

197. Read ०वेङ्कटा०.

198. Read ०भ्रातृ०.

199. Read ०युक्तौ.

200. The second limb of the secondary an in श्री is at the beginning of the next line.

354. च श्रीकाळमनायकनाम्नः कनिष्ठतातस्य ।[१६९*] सूनुस्तिरुमलनायकं.
355. नामा भ्रातेति तैरपि प्रथितैः । ख्यातस्तिरुमलभूपः प्रातः
356. पुण्येन सोयमेतेन ।[१७०*] सकुडुम्बस्त्वह्वान्धवनिकुरुम्.²⁰¹
357. ²⁰²बैरोभिरस्तु दीर्घायुः । तिरुमलनायकभूम्²⁰³ गरिमयुतैतत्-
358. सुपुण्यधौरेयम् ।[१७१*] श्रीहरितम्मरसेन्द्रं श्रीहरिरव्यात् रमा-²⁰⁴
359. नृहिहेन्द्रः ।[१७१॥*]²⁰⁵ सल्लिकनायकवर्य्यतनूभवन्तिरुमलक्षितिपालच-
360. मूपतिम् । सुगुणमेलुप्पनायकमन्वहम्²⁰⁶ निपुणधर्मविचारम-
361. ²⁰⁷जोवतात् ।[१७२ ॥*]²⁰⁸ श्रमित्वळतुना विचपेरुमाळ्सुकुतोदयम् ।²⁰⁹
362. आवासमुतनैग्राममस्य धर्मस्य कारणम् ।[१७३॥*] विख्यातकौक-²¹⁰
363. याख्यं विष्णुभक्तन्दयानिधिम् । लक्ष्मीनारायणः पातु लक्ष्मिचनयिना-²¹¹
364. र् विभुम् ।[१७४॥*] हल्लुग्नहरपादाब्जमेलुप्पमुतलिप्रभुम् । अव्या-
365. जनिजसौजन्यमव्याल्लोणाद्रिनायकः²¹² ।[१७५॥*] श्रीवल्हभनृपादेशा-
366. देतद्धर्मप्रवर्त्तकम् । शूरव्दरश्रीरामनाथन् तोण्डमान् वरनन्द-
367. [नम्] ।[१७६॥*] श्रमित्वळत्तुरुवाक्कुम्²¹³ पेरुमाळविभुमन्वहम् । विख्यातोदार-
368. मुनयतरयं शंकोवतात् ।[१७७॥*]²¹⁴ आवुडयश्रीनयिनाराख्यं कालिं-²¹⁵
369. गरायनमानम् । पायात् वरतुंगक्षितिपालनिदेशानुवर्त्तिनं²¹⁶ शम्-
370. भुः ।[१७८ ॥*]²¹⁷ श्रीमत्पेरुवाशिकालिगरायम् पच्चप्पनायकम् । विश्रुतम्²¹⁸
371. धीरमुनयतरयच्चैवमादिमान् ।[१७९ ॥*] एतद्धर्मसहायत्वादेध-
372. मानयशोभरान् । मान्यान् श्रीवल्हभक्ष्मापमन्त्रिणो[वतु] माधवः²¹⁹ ।[१८०॥*]²²⁰

201. Read ०कुडुम्ब०.

202. The first limb of the secondary *ai*, the secondary *ê* symbol belonging to *बै* is in the previous line.

203. Read ०भृद्वरिम०.

204. Read ०द्रमा०.

205. Metre of *v v*, 166—171½, गीतिः.

206. Read ०मन्वहं.

207. The secondary *ê* symbol forming the first part of the secondary *ô* belonging to *जो* is at the end of the previous line.

208. Metre. द्रुतविलंबितम्.

209. Read ०द्रळ०. The Tamil letter *ḷ* is used in this name.

210. Read ०कोङ्क०.

211. The secondary *a* symbol of *ना* is at the beginning of the next line.

212. Read ०च्छो०.

213. *स्* is engraved below the line.

214. Metre of *vv*, 173½—177½, अनुष्टुप्.

215. Read कालिङ्ग०.

216. Read ०द्रवुङ्ग०.

217. Metre, गीतिः.

218. Read विश्रुतं.

219. The *visarga* belonging to *वः* is at the beginning of the next line.

220. Metre of *vv*, 179½—180½, अनुष्टुप्.

373. मेकुम्पेरुमाळमुदलिम् पेरुमाळ् [पि]ल्लैप्रभुम्
 374. प्रतीताख्यम् । नाम्ना शंकरनयिनार् श्रीवल्लुत्तोण्डमान्धि-
 375. भुम् प्रथितम् ।[। १८१ ॥*] नाग[म]णि प्रभुमात्तं [स्थल]-

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376. करणञ्चैवमादिभान् सचिवान् । वरतुंगाख्यमहीन्द्रोर्व-
 377. [ण्यै]तद्धर्मयत्नसाचिव्यान् ।[। १८२ ॥*] न्यायाधिकतरकीर्त्तीन् पायादे-
 378. तान् स पार्व्वतीनाथः ।[। १८३*] वीरश्रीवल्लभवरतुंगराम-²²¹
 379. भूपत्योः । शासनमिक्षुशरासनभक्तिप्रधानयोस्त-
 380. दिदम् ।[। १८४*] व[ण्य] गुणश्रीवल्लभवरतुंगक्षमाप²²¹ शासनादवदत् । श्री ।
 381. कविरभिरामसभापतिकामाक्षीस्ताम्रशासनश्लोकान् ।[। १८५*]
 382. श्रीताम्रशासनं श्रीवल्लभवरतुंगरामयो²²¹ राज्ञोः । श्री ।²²²
 383. शिल्पपुरन्दरनन्दनारायण एष शासनात् व्यलिखत् ।[। १८६*]²²⁴
 384. दानपालनयोर्मध्ये दानाल्लेयोनूपालनम् ।²²³ दानात्
 385. स्वर्गमवानोति पालनादच्युतम् पदम् ।[। १८७*] स्वदत्तात् ²²⁵द्विगुण-
 386. म् पुण्यम् परदत्तानुपालनम् । परदत्तापहारेणस्वदत्त-
 387. त्रिष्कलम् भवेत् ।[। १८८*] स्वदत्ताम् परदत्तां वा यो हरेत् वसुन्ध-
 388. राम् । षष्टि ²²⁶वर्षसहस्राणि विद्यायाज्जायते ²²⁷कृमिः ।[। १८९*] एकै-
 389. व भगिनी लोके सर्व्वेषामेव भूसुजाम् । न भोज्या न
 390. करग्राह्या विप्रदत्ता वसुन्धरा ।[। १९०*]²²⁸ धर्म्मोयम् परिपालयता-
 391. भवहितैर्युष्माभिरित्यादराज्ञागार्धाशिविभूषणो न-
 392. रपतीनागामिनो याचते । देवस्सुन्दरपाण्ड्य एष सकल-
 393. क्षवैकवन्द्योऽपि सन् ज्यायानेव निशाकरान्वयमुवाञ्च-
 394. र्म्मोमिमानात् सताम् ।[। १९१*]²²⁹श्रीगण[।*] धिपतये नमः । शुभमस्तु । श्री ।²³⁰
 395. अगस्त्यान्वयसम्भूत[*] श्रीमत्तिम्मरसात्मजः । बहूचश्रीदे-
 396. मरसो वरतुंगमहीभुजा²³¹ ।[। १९२*] पूर्व्वदत्ता तु या भागद्व-
 397. यी तस्यास्तु नूतनाम् । नञ्जैपुञ्जैमुखाशेषसमु-

221. Read ०वरतुङ्ग०

222. Read श्रीम्.

223. Read ०चट्टे०.

224. Metre of vv. 186½—187 गीतिः.

225. Read ०त्ताद्विगुणम्.

226. Read पण्डि.

227. Read कृमिः.

228. Metre of vv. 187—190. अनुष्टुप्.

229. Metre शार्दूलविक्रीडितम्.

230. Read श्रीम्.

398. दायसमाचिताम् ।[। १९३*] त्रिपादवृत्तिमेतीह परिवर्त्तनरू-

399. पतः ।[। १९३॥*]²³²

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400. सुगुणव्रीहिवृतीश्वरसूनोश्चावल्लभाक्षितान्द्रस्य । शास-

401. नमिदमतिशासनदुष्टविभाळस्य शिष्टपालस्य ।[। १९४॥*]²³³ श्रीवल्ल-

402. भनृपस्यापि श्रीमात्तिरुमलप्रभोः । यावन्मही शशी भा-

403. नुस्तावद्धम्मोभिवर्द्धताम् ।[। १९५॥*]²³⁴ आदिवर[।*]²³⁴ हमुत्तये²³⁴ नमः । श्रीं ।²³⁵

404. तुल्यम् [॥*]

405. कोडुमळूर उडैयान् ए^{५५}ततु [॥*]²³⁶

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406. [ख्यात] श्रीवरतुंग²³⁷ क्षितिपतिवय्यस्य कीर्तिधुर्य्यस्य । तदिदं शासनमति-

407. .र. नुमनोजस्य सूक्तिभोजस्य ।[। १९६॥*]²³⁸ वरतुंगनृपस्यापि²³⁹

408. [वर्णयः] तिरुमलप्रभोः । अयन्धम्मः क्षितावास्तामाचन्द्रवि-

409. [त]रकम् ।[। १९७॥*]²⁴⁰ आदिवराहमूत्तये नमः । श्रीसौन्दरेश्वराय नमः ।

410. तुल्यम् [॥*]

411. कोडुमळूर उडैयान् ए^{५५}ततु [॥*]²⁴¹

231. Read वरतुङ्ग०.

232. Metre of vv. 192—193, अनुष्टुप्.

233. Metre गीतिः.

234. Metre अनुष्टुप्.

234. (a) Read ०मूत्तये.

235. Read श्रीम्.

236. Written in Tamil characters.

237. Read ०वरतुङ्ग०.

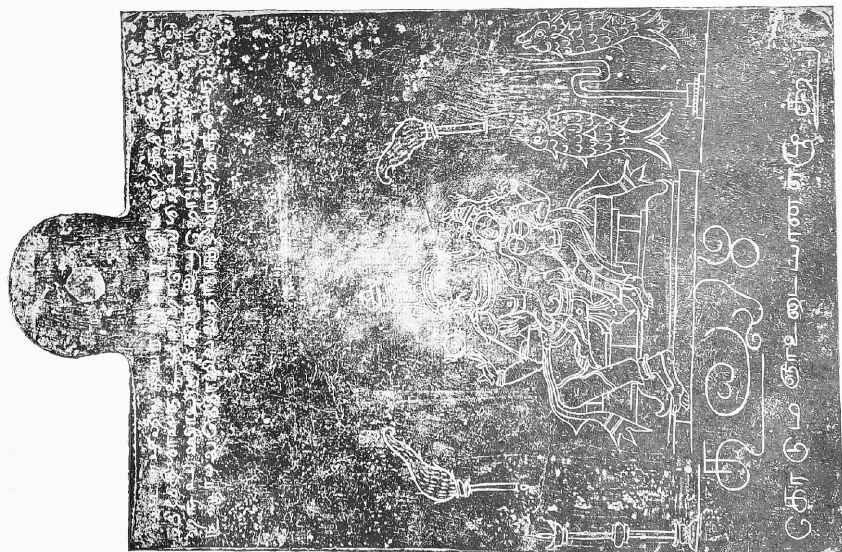
238. Metre गीतिः.

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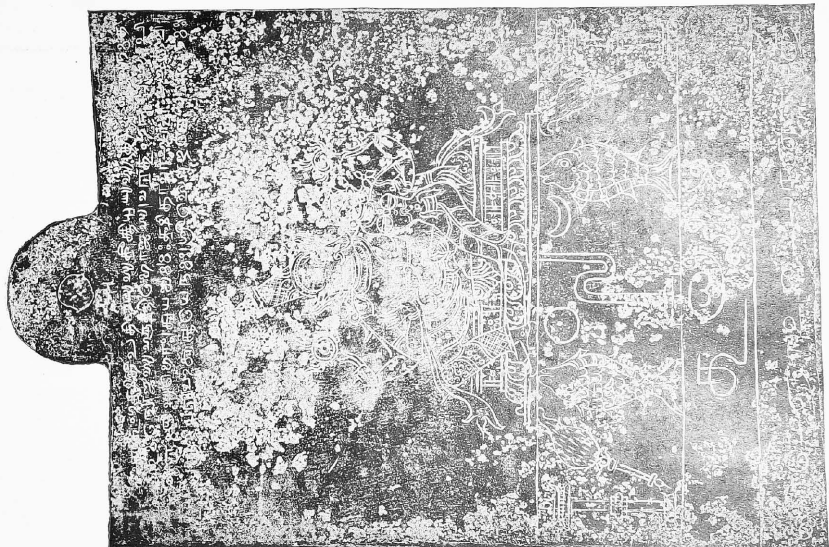
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V. 13. In this family were born two brothers Abhirāma and Ahavarāma. (For an abstract of the geneology detailed here, see the General Introduction).
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(1). Iluppaiyaḍippaṭṭi, given by Śrivalabbha, situated in the Ādināḍu in the Pāṇḍyarājya.
(2). Contiguous with it, the villages of Valaṅgai-migamaṇ and Śivakaḷaiyākkuruchchi, given by Varatuṅgarāma
(3). Pudukkōṭṭai.
These were clubbed together under the name of Timmaṇpuram. The boundaries were as follows :—
On the north by Sevvalirappu ; on the north-east, Kottaṇēri ; on the east, the stone bearing the *Vāmana-mudra* in the village of Śeṅguḍi ; on the south-east, Vellūr ; on the south,

Periya Kāliyakkuruchi; on the south-west, Maṅgalagrāma and the *vāmana* stone set in the middle of the river, Arjuna-nadi; on the west, Kaḷagūr-sima near the Arjuna-nadi and on the north-west, Kaḍambaṅḷam *alias* Tirumalabhaṭṭa-grāmam.

Vv. 61½-67. Here Tirumalarāja is introduced. His grandfather was Rāma Nāyaka; father, Timma Nāyaka. He was the chief of Chintalapalli, was a devout worshipper of the god Sri Raṅganātha (of Śrīraṅgam), was a great supporter of the Brāhmaṇas etc., brave in war, generous, just and courteous. He employed in his wars against his enemies iron guns which he charged with leaden shots.

Vv. 68-77. Tirumalai Nāyaka, who was devoted to Virapparāja, having requested Śrīvallabharāja and Varatuṅgarāmarāja, who pay regard to the requests of Tirumalai, granted with all appurtenances such as gardens, tanks, channels, etc., with the eight kinds of enjoyments, by pouring of water, to a number of good Brāhmaṇas.

Vv. 78-83. State that Tirumalai Nāyaka moved in the matter of the grant under the religious teaching of Tammarasa, his *pradhāna* and religious teacher. This Tammarasa, who was instrumental in bringing into existence the *agrahāra* named Timmāpuram, built in it a temple of Brahma and a tank.

Vv. 84-159. Here follow the list of donees :—

V. 160. The *agrahāra* of Timmāpuram *alias* Chintalapalli which contains the temple of Brahma, was made by Tirumalairāja for the merit of his father Timma Nāyaka.

Vv. 161-164. When, in Vidyānagari the famous Aḷiya Rāmarāja was killed by his enemies, Basavarāja who was, in the vast ocean of distressed human beings, took shelter under Tirumalai Nāyaka, the latter protected him from his enemies, Pāyati and Rāchaviṭi and restored him to his native place.

But when the huge army of Veṅkaṭarāja was coming against him, he saw in it Basavarāja, the ungrateful man who was once saved by him. Tirumalairāja killed this Basavarāja forthwith.

When, in the battle that ensued at Vallaprākāra, the armies of Virarāja were destroyed and that of Achyutarāja fled away, Tirumalairāja collected all the horses from the battle-field.

Vv. 165-183. Benedictions to Tirumalairāja, his sons, his nephews, his younger brother and his *pradhāna* and a number of officers whose names are given in the Introduction at the beginning of this inscription.

Vv. 184-185. The writer of this document was Abhirāma Sabhāpati Kāmākshi.

V. 186. This was engraved on copper-plates by Nārāyaṇa.

Vv. 187-191. The usual final imprecatory and benedictory verses.

V. 192-193½. Dēmarasa, the son of Timmarasa, of the Agastya *gōtra* and of the Rīgveda enjoys the three-fourths share in the two that were granted formerly by Varatuṅgarāja.

Vv. 194½-197½. Benedictory verses.

LIST OF DISTRIBUTION OF SHARES AMONG THE BRAHMANAS

| No. | Name of the donee. | Father's name. | Gōtra. | Sūtra. | Vēda. | Shares |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------|----------------|
| 1 | Tippā Bhaṭṭa ... | Bhavāni Bhaṭṭa ... | Kauṇḍinya ... | ... | Yajus. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 | Chitti Bhaṭṭa ... | Maṇḍai Sarva Bhaṭṭa. | Kṛitsa ... | ... | Do. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 | Rāyasam Bhaktaparādhina Prabhu. | Appāchchiyarasa ... | Kāśyapa ... | ... | Do. | 1 |
| 4 | Nāgana Sōmayāji ... | Rāghava Bhaṭṭa ... | Śrivatsa ... | ... | Do. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5 | Hari Tammarasa ... | Nāgā Bhaṭṭa ... | Sāṇḍilya ... | ... | Do. | $1\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6 | Kṛishṇaya ... | Kōrtūr Timmappa ... | Bhāradvāja ... | Āpastam. bha. | Do. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7 | Kālabasti ... | Kālabasti ... | Do. ... | Do. | Do. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8 | Appayārya ... | Battulūr Timmayārya. | Kāmakāyana Visvāmītra. | ... | Rik ... | 1 |
| 9 | Venkatādri Bhaṭṭa ... | Tirumala Bhaṭṭa ... | Kausika ... | ... | Yajus. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 10 | Kachchālai (Bhaṭṭa) ... | Bhāratī Tirumalai Bhaṭṭa. | Srivatsa ... | ... | Rik ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 11 | Rāghava Bhaṭṭa ... | Do. | Do. ... | ... | Do. ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 12 | Anantaya ... | Akkala Bhaṭṭa ... | Kauṇḍinya ... | ... | Yajus. | $\frac{1}{3}$ |
| 13 | Śokkam Bhaṭṭa ... | Nāgā Bhaṭṭa ... | Srivatsa ... | ... | Do. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 14 | Vedādri Bhaṭṭa ... | Lakshmaṇa Bhaṭṭa ... | Kāmakāyana Visvāmītra. | ... | Rik ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 15 | Naishadham Rāma-krishna. | Chitti Sarva Bhaṭṭa ... | Sālāvata ... | ... | ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 16 | Balabhadraya ... | Tirumala Bhaṭṭa ... | Ātrēya ... | ... | Yajus. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 17 | Balabhadrārya ... | Tirumilla Nāraṇāchār-ya. | Do. ... | ... | Rik ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 18 | Venkaṭa Bhaṭṭa ... | Eṛa Timmaya ... | Vasishṭha ... | ... | Do. ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 19 | Narasam Bhaṭṭa ... | Konḍu Bhaṭṭa ... | Ātrēya ... | ... | Do. ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 20 | Akkārakkanni ... | Venkatatturavār ... | Ātrēya ... | ... | ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Total number of shares carried over ... | | | | | | 12 |

| No. | Name of the donee. | Father's name. | Gôtra | Sûtra. | Vêda. | Shares |
|-----|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| | Total brought forward ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 |
| 21 | Lakshmaya ... | Krishṇamarasa ... | Kāśyapa ... | ... | Rik ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 22 | Timmarasa ... | Tirumalai ... | Bādarāyaṇa ... | ... | Do. | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| 23 | Raṅgappayya ... | Virūpākshayya ... | Mauna Bhārgava | ... | Do. | 1 |
| 24 | Viśvanātha ... | Nāgā Bhaṭṭa ... | Śrīvatsa ... | ... | Yajus ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 25 | Gaṅgādharma ... | Vengala Bhaṭṭa ... | Do. | ... | Do. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 26 | Aubalayāchārya ... | Magatala Lakshmanāchārya | Bhāradvāja ... | ... | Do. | 1 |
| 27 | Koṇḍaya ... | Kēśavaya ... | Kauṇḍinya ... | Āpastambha | ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 28 | Rāmaliṅga ... | Rāmanātha Bhaṭṭa ... | Jāmadagnēya Vatsa | ... | Rik ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 29 | Saptarishi ... | Padmanābha Bhaṭṭa... | Kauśika ... | ... | Do. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 30 | Tirumala Bhaṭṭa ... | ... | Srīvatsa ... | Kātyāyana | Śuklayajus | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 31 | Timmarasa ... | Timmarasa ... | Kauśika Viśvāmītra | ... | Rik ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 32 | Nāgarasa ... | Tipparasa ... | Śrīvatsa ... | ... | Yajus ... | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| 33 | Rāmānujāchārya ... | Koṇḍayārya ... | Do. | ... | Do. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 34 | Nāgā Bhaṭṭa ... | Tirumala Bhaṭṭa ... | Vādhūlāsa ... | ... | Do. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 35 | Timmaya ... | Liṅgam Bhaṭṭa ... | Vaśiṣṭha ... | ... | Rik ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 36 | Chitti Bhaṭṭa .. | Koṇḍu Bhaṭṭa ... | Maitrēya ... | Āpastambha | Yajus ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 37 | Liṅgam Bhaṭṭa ... | Virūpākshayya ... | Kauśika ... | ... | Do. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 38 | Veṅkaṭādri Bhaṭṭa ... | Annāchchi Bhaṭṭa ... | Kāśyapa ... | ... | Rik ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 39 | Rāmaya ... | Divākara ... | Niddhruva Kāśyapa | ... | Do. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 40 | Nāgappa ... | Tammappa ... | Śaṇḍilya ... | Āpastambha | ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 41 | Maniyappa ... | Mallayya ... | Harita ... | ... | Yajus ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | Total carried over ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 |

| No. | Name of the donee. | Father's name. | Gôtra. | Sûtra. | Vêda. | Shares |
|-----|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| | Total brought forward ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 |
| 42 | Nâgappa ... | Liṅgâ Bhaṭṭa ... | Harita ... | Âsvalâ-yana. | ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 43 | Veṅkaṭâdri ... | Kûcha Bhaṭṭa ... | Gautama ... | ... | Yajus. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 44 | Kuppâ Bhaṭṭa ... | Dêvappa ... | Do. ... | Âpastam-bha. | ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 45 | Peddayârya ... | Tirumalâchârya ... | Kausika ... | ... | Yajus. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 46 | Sabhâpati Kâmâkshi ... | Abhirâmanâtha ... | Sâvarpi ... | ... | Sâma... | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| 47 | Râmaya ... | Dhakkâ Sabhâpati ... | Kâsyapa ... | ... | Yajus. | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| 48 | Bapadi Bhaṭṭa ... | Varadarâja ... | Bhâradvâja ... | ... | Rik ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 49 | Periya Perumal Sôma-yâji. | Virarâghava ... | Gargya ... | ... | Yajus. | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| 50 | Mallu Bhaṭṭa ... | Chennu Bhaṭṭa ... | Âtrêya ... | ... | Do. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 51 | Aubala Bhaṭṭa ... | Koṇḍi Bhaṭṭa ... | Gautama ... | ... | ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 52 | Kêsava Bhaṭṭa ... | Bhârati Annam Bhaṭṭa | Śrivatsa ... | ... | Rik ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 53 | Veṅkaṭâdri Bhaṭṭa ... | Do. | Do. | ... | Do. ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 54 | Ellam Bhaṭṭa ... | Yajva Śatakritu Nârâjabai. | Saunaka ... | ... | Yajus. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 55 | Kuppâ Bhaṭṭa ... | Basava Bhaṭṭa ... | Bhâradvâja ... | ... | Rik ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 56 | Tiruveṅgaḍamudaiyâr ... | Alaittu vâlvittaperumâl | Do. | ... | Do. ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 57 | Teluṅgaya ... | Vēṅgalaya ... | Gautama ... | Katyâ-yana. | Śukla Yajus. | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| 58 | Kâlameghâchârya ... | Krishṇayâchârya ... | Âtrêya ... | ... | Yajus. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 59 | Padmanâbha ... | Nârâyana Bhishak ... | Kâsyapa ... | Bôdhâ-yana. | Do. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 60 | Veṅkaṭâdri ... | Tirumala Bhaṭṭa ... | Agastya ... | ... | Rik ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 61 | Raṅgayâchârya ... | Kandala Śingarârya ... | Kaundinya ... | ... | Yajus. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 62 | Râmâyanaṁ Anantârya. | Purushôttama ... | Kutsa ... | ... | Do. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 63 | Raghunâthârya ... | Tirumalârya ... | Kâsyapa ... | ... | Do. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | Total carried over ... | | | | | 32 $\frac{3}{4}$ |

| No. | Name of the donee. | Father's Name. | Gōtra. | Sūtra. | Veda. | Shares |
|-----|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------|------------------|
| | Total brought forward ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 32 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| 64 | Sarvā Bhaṭṭa ... | Viram Bhaṭṭa ... | Kauṇḍinya ... | Āpas-
tambha | ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 65 | Tirumukham Lakshma-
rasa. | Timmarasa ... | Bhāradvāja ... | ... | Rik. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 66 | Viṇā Gōvinda ... | Timmayārya ... | Śrivatsa ... | ... | Yajus. | 1 |
| 67 | Veṅkaṭādri Bhaṭṭa ... | Ekkalūr Appalaya ... | Do. ... | ... | Rik. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 68 | Kāmā Bhaṭṭa ... | Kanakam Bhaṭṭa ... | Viśvāmitra ... | ... | Do. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 69 | Veṅkaṭādri Bhaṭṭa ... | Ellam Bhaṭṭa Sōma-
yāji. | Kausika ... | ... | Yajus. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 70 | Appāji Bhaṭṭa ... | Appilaya Sōmayāji ... | Viśvāmitra ... | ... | Rik. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 71 | Dēvaṅgaḷ-Perumāl ... | Devasikhamani ... | Āngirasa ... | ... | ... | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 72 | Pēraya ... | Nātanakavi Sārappa... | Kāśyapa ... | ... | Yajus. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 73 | Srīraṅgayārya ... | Bhaṭṭa Koṇḍayārya ... | Vasishṭha ... | ... | Do. | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| 74 | Ōḷayārya ... | Timmayārya ... | Vādhūla ... | ... | Do. | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 75 | Abhirāma-makhi ... | Rāghava ... | Bhārgava ... | Jaimini... | ... | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 76 | Varatuṅgarāma-Nambi... | Saundararāja ... | ... | ... | Yajus. | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | Grand Total ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

NO. II. TENKASI CENTRAL SHRINE INSCRIPTION OF
ARIKESARI PARAKRAMA PANDYA.

The subjoined inscription is engraved on the west and south bases of the central shrine of the Viśvanāthasvāmin temple at Tenkāsi. The preservation of the inscription is very good. On the south side where the *maṇḍapa* of the Dakṣināmūrti shrine is built, a few letters are covered by the walls on either side of the *maṇḍapa* and consequently they are omitted in the transcript. The sense, however, could be easily made out in spite of this little disadvantage.

The language and the alphabet of the inscription are Tamil; the introduction at the beginning of the document is in verse, while the grant portion is in plain prose. The record belongs to the reign of **Parākrama Pāṇḍyadeva** *alias* **Arikesarideva**; it is dated the year opposite to the **twenty-eighth** of the king's reign. The introduction gives us some interesting details of the life of the king. It informs us that Parākrama Pāṇḍyadeva was equally well versed in Tamil (Teṇkalai) and Sanskrit (Vaḍakalai) learning and that he was an adorer of the feet of Śaṅkara (Śiva). The king is reputed to have defeated his enemies in **Śingai, Aṇurai, Irāśai, Śenbai, Vindai, Aṇḍai, Mudalai, Virai and Vaippāru**. Parākrama created five *agrahāras* for brāhmins at five places beginning with **Vindai**. He built a *maṇḍapa* for each of the gods at Marudūr and Champakavana. To the god who once lied buried underneath a bamboo bush, he gave such munificent gifts as to enable his offerings to be offered in golden dishes. It is said that when the river and other sources of water supply once failed for celebrating the bathing ceremony (*puṇal-āḍal*), the god was pleased to send down a heavy rain for the purpose, on account of the earnestness of this pious king. He then built the large temple for **Viśvanāthasvāmin** at Tenkāsi and made all arrangements for the *pūja*, offerings, etc.

The immediate object of the document is to record the grant of several villages the king made for the up-keep of the services of the temple. These are, Tenkāsi, Vāyulāṅkuḍi-parṇu, Kuṛaikūḍi-parṇu, Parākrama-Pāṇḍya-nallūr-parṇu, in the Teṇṇārināḍu; Nallān-pillai-perrāl and Viśvanāthappēreri-parṇus belonging to the Paimbolilparṇu in the Vaḍavārināḍu. Besides these, which were already granted, Rājakulāraṇanallūr *alias* Puliyūr-parṇu and Virā-Pāṇḍya-nallūr-parṇu in the Teṇṇārināḍu were granted in addition for the maintenance of the *pūja*, etc.

The record mentions incidentally the various structures Parākrama Pāṇḍya put up in the Viśvanāthasvāmin temple at Tenkāsi. He built the central shrine from the base to the top, the *ardha maṇḍapa*, the *mahāmaṇḍapa*, the *sōpāra* and set up the images of the Viśvanātha, the Paḷliyaṇai-nāchehiyār, etc. It is said that he began the construction of the *gōmura* but did not evidently finish it.

The places mentioned in this inscription are :—Śiṅgai, Aṇurai, Irāśai, Śenbai or Śenbaga-vaṇam, Aṇḍai, Mudalai, Virai, Vaippāru, Marudūr, Teṇvārināḍu, Tenkāsi, Puliyūr, Kuṇṇak-kuḍi, Vāyulāṅkuḍi, Tiruchchālaikkūḍi, Parākrama-Pāṇḍya-chaturvēdimāṅgalam, Tirukkuṛālam, Śengōttai, Ilattūr, Vaḍavūr, Tanjāvūr, Vaḍavārināḍu, Paimbolil-parṇu, Nallān-pillai-perrāl,

Visvanāthappēreri, Rājakulārāmanallūr, Pāṭṭakurūchchi, and Vira-pāṇḍya-nallūr. Of these the following are identified :—

| No. | Place. | Mod. Name. | Taluka. | Remarks. |
|-----|--|--------------------|----------------------|----------|
| 1 | Irāśai. ⁽¹⁾ | Śāṅkanāyanārkōyil. | Śāṅkanāyanārkōyil... | |
| 2 | Śeṇbai or ⁽²⁾ Śeṇbagavanam. | Tirukkuttālam | Tenḱāsi | |
| 3 | Vindai | Vindaṇūr | Shenkottah | |
| 4 | Virai | Virakēralampūdūr | Do. | |
| 5 | Marudūr | Tiruppuḍaimarudūr | Ambāsamudram | |
| 6 | Tenḱāsi | Tenḱāsi | Tenḱāsi | |
| 7 | Kuṇṇālam | Kuṇṇālam | Do. | |
| 8 | Śeṅgōṭṭai | Shenkottah | Shenkottah | |
| 9 | Puliyūr | Puliyūr | Tenḱāsi | |
| 10 | Mudalai | Mudalāiḱuḷam | Nāṅgunēri | |
| 11 | Pāṭṭakurūchchi | Pāṭṭakurūchchi | Tenḱāsi | |
| 12 | Paimboḷil | Pampulī | Tenḱāsi | |
| 13 | Virapāṇḍyanallūr. | Virapāṇḍiyam | Nāṅgunēri | |
| 14 | Ilattūr | Elattūr | Shenkottah | |
| 15 | Perākrama
Pāṇḍya caturvēdi
maṅḡalam (<i>alias</i>
Vindaṇūr) ⁽³⁾ | Śāmbūr-Vaḍagarai | Do. | |

I am not able to identify the other places.

⁽¹⁾ In all the inscriptions belonging to the Śiva temple at Śāṅkanāyanārkōyil, the place is called by the name of Rājapuram. One of the inscriptions begins thus :—

श्रीमत् वन्मीकनाथस्य शम्भोज्यति शासनम् शाश्वतम् ।

हरिवह्नाधिभिर्यम् । श्रीराजपुरवासिनम् । आदिचण्डेश्वराभ्येयम् ।

⁽²⁾.....முதுகக்கைவந்தபுரஞ் செண்பகாரணியபுரம்...குறும்பலாவிசேடபுரமென விருபத்தொரு நாமம் பெற்றபதி திருக்குற்றுவம். Vv. 30-31. திருக்குற்றுவத்தல மகிமைச்சருக்கம், திருக்குற்றுவ புராணம்.

⁽³⁾ This name is found in an inscription engraved on the west wall of the *mahāmanḍapa* of the Śrīmālu-nāthasvāmin temple at Śāmbūr-Vaḍagarai.

Text (1)

1. ஸஹஸ்ரம் [11*] பூமிசைவனிதை மார்கினிற்பொலிய நாமிசைகலைமகள் நலனுற-
விளங்கப் புயவரைமீது சயமகன்புணரக் கபலிணையுலகின் கண்ணெனத்திகழச் சந்திர-
குலத்து வந்தவதரித்து முந்தையோர் தவத்தின்முன்பென வளர்ந்து தென்கலை வட-
கலை தெளிவுறத்தெரிந்து மன்பதைபுர்க்க மணிமுடி புணந்து சங்கரசாரணபங்கயஞ்சூழச்
செங்கோலோச்சி வெண்குடைசிழந்றி வானவாரியு மன்னருள் வாரியுந் தானவாரி-
யுந்தப்பாதளித்து மறக்கலைபறித்து நல்லறப்பயிர் விளைத்துச் சிங்கையி லனுரையி-
லிராசையிற் செண்டையில் (2) விரந்தையிலறந்தையில் முதலையில் வீரையில் வைப்பாற்-
டென்னரைவென் கண்டெப்பாற்றிசையு மிசைவிளக்கேற்றிப்பதினெண்.....கம்
போற்றப் பதினெண்பாஷைப் பார்த்திபார்வையுருந்திறையுஞ்சின்னமு முறைமுறை குண-
ர்ந்து குறைபலவிரந்து குரைகழலிறைஞ்சவ வாவர் வேண்டியத வாவர்க்கருளி அந்தணா-
னேகர் செந்தழலோம்ப விரந்தைமுதல் அகரம் ஐந்திடத்தியற்றிச் சிவநெறியோங்கச்சிவாற்-
சனை புரிந்து மருதூராற்கு மண்டபமமைத்து முன் ஒரு தூர் முங்கிலுள் புக்கிருந்த சிப்பார்
தம்மைத்திருவத்த சாமத்துப் பொற்கலத்தமுது பொலிவித்தருளிச் சண்பகவனத்துச்
சங்கரர் தமக்கு மண்டபமமைத்து மணிமுடி சூட்டி.

2. விழாவணி நடாத்தி விரைப்புளலாடல் வழாவகை நடாத்த தின்மன்னருள்த-
னல் வற்றுவருவியும் வற்றிவந்தமுற்றவிக் காலத்துறுபுனல் நல்கெனவேண்டியப்பொழு-
தே வேறிடத்தின்றிச் சேண்டருபுனலிற் செழும்புளலாட்டி மின்கால் வேணி விழுநாதர்க்
குத்தென்காசிப் பெருங்கோயில் செய்து நல்லாகம வழி நைமித்திகமுடன் எல்லாப்பூசையும்
எக்கோயிலினும் பொருள் முதலனைத்தும் புறையற நடாத்தித் திருமலி செம்பொற்சிங்கா-
சனமிசை உலகமுழுதும் உடையாருடனே இலகு கருணையினைநிருவென்ன அம்மையும்
அப்பனு மாயனைத்துயிர்க்கும் இம்மைப்பயனு மறுமைக்குறுதிபு மேம்படநல்கி வீற்றிருந்-
தருளிய ஸ்ரீ சரி.....பெவரான பராகுடி பாணு டெவற்கு யாண்டு இருபத்தெட்டாவதின்
எதிராவது.....ற்று இருபத்தொன்றாந்திபதியும் வகுணெனையும் வெள்ளிக்கிழமைமும்
பெற்ற சோதிநாள் தென்வாரிநாட்டு அபுதாடி உதூரகாத்தில் டக்ஷிணகாஸியிலே உடையார்
விழுநாயனுக்கு ஸ்விவமராக உவாநாடி ஸ்லோவியையுணர் திருப்பணிசெய்து உடையார்
விழுநாயனையும் பூசிக்கித்து ஸ்லோஷணபடி இடைநாழிநக ஹாஷணபடி லொபாநடி இவை-
யுந்திருப்பணிசெய்து திருப்பள்ளிஅறைநாச்சியார் முதலாக உள்ள திருவுடம்புகளும் ஏறி
அருளப்பண்ணுவித்து சுவரண ஹொஹாரிகளும் சூடிவித்து மேல்-

3. உடையார் விழுநாயக வகுஜெக்கு அமுதுபடி சாத்துப்படி திருமலைத் திருப்பரி-
வட்டந்திருவிளக்கு உட்பட்டபல கிதூதியங்களுக்கும் பல விசெஷவகுஜெதிருநாட்
செலவுக்கும் முன்னர் இரண்டாவதின் எதிர் இருபத்து மூன்றாவது முதலுக்குநாம் தேவ-
தானமாக விட்ட பற்றுக்களில் தென்வாரிநாட்டுத் தென்காசிக்குப் பெருநான்கெல்கையாவது
கிழ எல்கை புலியூற்பற்றான காரான் குளத்தில் நீர்நக்கலுக்கும் பரிமப்புக்கும் புலியூர் அக-
ரப்பற்றில் புஞ்சைக்கும் காராயண ஸ்ரீவாடிங்கள் மடப்புறத்தில் மேல் எல்கைக்கு மேற்கும்
தென் எல்கை அபுதாடிக்கு வடக்கு மேல்எல்கை குன்றக்குடிப்பரிமப்புக்குக் கிழக்கும்
வ.....சென்னப்பொற்றைக்கும் குத்துக்கல்லுக்கும் தெற்கும்அக இன்னன்கெல்.....

(1) From inked impressions.

(2) Read சென்னை : 0

(3) Metre அகவல்.

ட்டபற்றும் இந்த கடிக்கு ஈகிணத்தீரத்தில் வாபுளான்குடிப்பற்றுக்குப் பெருநான்கெல்கையாவது கீழ் எல்கை புலியூர் அணைக்கும் திருச்சாலைக்குடிப் பற்றுக்கும் ஆழங்காலுக்கு மேற்கும் தென் எல்கை திருச்சாலைக்குடிப்பற்றுக்கும் வராசூரவாணு உதவெட்டிங்கலத்து ஊடகன் ஈகாப்பற்றில் வடவெல்கைக்கும் உடையார் திருக்குற்றலமுடைய நாயனார் பழந்தேவதானத்துக்கு வடக்கும் மேல் எல்கை வாபுளான்குடி அணைக்குக்கிழக்கும் வட எல்கை விசுசுடிக்குத்தெற்கும் ஆக இன்னுன் கெல்கைக்குட்பட்டபற்றும் குன்றக்குடிப் பற்றுக்குப்பெருநான்.

4. கெல்கையாவது கீழ்எல்கை இடைமலைப்பரிப்புக்கு மேற்கும் தென்எல்கை விசுசுடிக்கு வடக்கும் மேல்எல்கை செங்கோட்டை பிடாரியார் கோயிலுக்கும் இலத்தூற்றுக்குப் போகிற பெருவழிக்கு [க்கிழக்கு] வடஎல்லை கடமர் குளத்துக்குத்தெற்கு ஆக இன்னுன்கெல்கைக்குட்பட்டபற்றில் உடையார் திருக்குற்றலமுடைய நாயனார் தேவதானமான நிலம் ஒன்பதுமா முந்திரிகையின் மூன்முமா முக்காணியும் நீங்கலாக உள்ளபற்றும் பராக்கிரம பாண்டிய நல்லூர் பற்றுக்குப் பெருநான்கெல்கையாவது கீழ் எல்கை இலுப்பைத்தொண்டிம்பெருவழிக்கு மேற்கும் தென்எல்கை இக்குளத்தில் நீர்நக்கலுக்கு வடக்கும் மேல்எல்கை உடையார் திருக்குற்றலமுடை.....பழந்தேவதானமான திருச்சாலைக்குடிப்பற்றுக்குக்கிழக்கும் வடஎல்கை விசு..... ..தெற்கும் ஆக இன்னுன்கெல்கைக்குட்பட்டபற்றில் இருங்கிண்டி ஸ்ரீவதநாபன் ஈக இறையிலி நிலமிரண்டுமாவும் நீங்கலாக உள்ள பற்று நல்லூர் பற்றில் வள்ளைமுட்டமும் இக்குளத்தில் நீர்பாயும் நிலமாய் வடஆற்பற்றில் நின்றுங் கூட்டின நிலம் மூன்முமா அரையும் ஆக இப்பற்றுக்குப் பெருநான்கெல்கையாவது கீழ்எல்கை காதேற்றிப் பற்றுக்கு மேற்கும் தென்எல்கை வடஆற்பற்றிற் செங்குளத்தில் நீர்பாயுநிலத்துக்கும் தஞ்சாவூர் பெருங்காலுக்கும் அனுபோகமழகியான் குளத்தில் நீர்பாயும் பற்றுக்கு வடக்கும் மேல் எல்லை

5. இக்குளத்தில் நீர்நக்கலுக்கும் தவணைப்பற்றுக்குக் கிழக்கு வடஎல்கை தஞ்சாவூரில் நின்று தவணைக்குப்போகிற பெருவழிக்குத்தெற்கும் ஆக இன்னுன்கெல்கைக்குட்பட்ட பற்றும் வடவாரிநாட்டுப் பைம்பொழிற் பற்றில் நல்லாண்பிள்ளைப் பெற்றாளுக்கும் விஸ்வநாதப் பேரேரிக்கும் பெருநான்கெல்கையாவது கீழ்எல்கை செங்கோட்டைப் பிடாரியார் கோயிலுக்கும் இவ்வூரில் நின்று இலத்தூற்றுக்குப் போகிற பெருவழிக்கு மேற்கு தென்எல்கை ஆற்றுக்கு வடக்கு மேல்எல்கை பைம்பொழிலிலிநின்று நல்லூர்குப்போகிற பெருவழிக்கும் முழங்கால்முட்டிப்பாறைக்குக்கிழக்கு வடஎல்கை தேனிடு பொற்றைக்குத்தெற்கு ஆ.....ன் கெல்கைக்குட்பட்ட பற்றும் முப்பதாவது மேஷ ஞாயிற்று இருபத்தே.....தியதியும் ஷஷஷஷத்து பசுமியும் திங்கட்கிழமையும் பெற்ற புணர்பூசத்து நாள் நாம் முன்புவிட்ட பற்றுக்கள் நீங்கலாக நாளது பூஜெச்சிலவுக்குவிட்ட தென்வாரிநாட்டு இராசகுலராமநல்லூரான புலியூர்பற்றுக்கும் வீரபாண்டியநல்லூர்பற்றுக்கும் பெருநான்கெல்கையாவது புலியூர்பற்றுக்குப் பெருநான்கெல்கைக் கீழ்எல்கை திருவெண்காட்டு முதலியார் மடப்புறமான பாட்டக்குறிச் சிப்பற்றுக்குமேற்கு தென்எல்கைச் சிற்றற்றுக்கு வடக்கு மேல்எல்கை பழந்தேவதானமான

6. தென்காசிப்பற்றுக்குக்கிழக்கு வட எல்கை ஆபக்குடிப்பற்றுக்குத்தெற்கு ஆக இன்னுன்கெல்கைக் குட்பட்டபற்றில் உடையார் திருக்குற்றலமுடைய நாயனார் தேவதானமும் உடையார் விசுசுடிபாணுமுடைய நாயனார் தேவதானமும் நயினார் திருவிருந்த பெரு-

மாள் திருவிடையாட்டமும் ஸ்ரீசுலோக நிருவிடையாட்டமும் பாசுபதாண நல்லூரில்
நயினர் திருவேங்கடநாதன் திருவிடையாட்டமும் முகந்தானத்து(1) நாராயண ஸ்ரீபாதம்-
கள் மடப்புறமும் அகாப்பற்றும் நீங்கலாக இன்னுன்கெல்கைக்குட்பட்டபற்றும் வீரபாண
நல்லூருக்குப்பெருநான்கெல்கையாவது கீழெல்கை தட்டான்குளத்துப் பரிம்புக்கு மேற்கு
தென் எல்கை திருச்சிறம்பலத்துக்காலான இராசகுலா.....காலுக்கும் நயினர் திரு-
விருந்த பெருமாள் திருவிடையாட்டமான ஆகவா[ம]... ..துக்கும் வடக்கு மேல் எல்கை
திருவெண்காட்டு முதலியார் மடப்புறமான பாட்டக்குறிச்சிப்பற்றுக்குக்கிழக்கு வட எல்கை
விந்நுார்ப்பெருவழிக்குத்தெற்கு ஆக இன்னுன்கெல்கைக்குட்பட்டபற்றும் ஆக இப்பற்-
றுக்களில் ப்பெருநான்கெல்கைக்குட்பட்ட பற்றும் ஆக இப்பற்றுக்களில் ப்பெருநான-
கெல்கைக்குட்பட்ட நஞ்செய் புஞ்சை மாவடை மாவடை பட்டடை கொடித்தோட்டம்
செக்கிறை மற்றுமுள்ள ஹஜ்ஜு ஸ்ரீபுத்திரரும் முப்பதாவது பசான முதலுக்குத் தேவதான-
மாகவிட்ட அளவுக்கு இம்மரியாதியிலே இவ்வோலை பிடிபாடாகக்கொண்டு ஆவரு தாரவசு
இவ்வோலையும் உள்ள அளவும்

7. கையாண்டு கல்லிலுள் செம்பிலும் வெட்டிப் பூசையுந்தாழ்வற நடத்திப்போத-
வும் பாற்க[11*] இவை கிடாரத்தூருடையான் எழுத்து உ து-யு.

Translation

Be it well! The year opposite the **twenty-eighth** of the reign of **Parākrama Pāṇḍyadeva alias Ari deva**,—who was born in the *chandra-kula* so that the damsel seated on the (lotus) flower (Lakshmi) might glow on his chest; the lady of learning (Sarasvatī) might shine resplendent on his tongue and the goddess of victory might embrace his mountain-like shoulders; while the dual carps were bright like the (two) eyes of the world; who grew as though he were the seedling of the virtue of (all) his ancestors; who had understood clearly the Southern (Tamil) and the Northern (Sanskrit) sciences; who was crowned with a jewelled crown for the purpose of protecting humanity; who wore the lotus feet of Śaṅkara; who was wielding the just sceptre and making his white umbrella shelter (the world); who gave (his people without failure the water of the rain, the flood of his favour and the water of libations (poured on the occasion of making of gifts); who rooted out the weeds of sin and raised the crop of virtue; who saw the backs of kings at Sūgai, Aṇurai, Irāśai, Śeṇbai, Vindai, Arandai Mudalai, Virai, Vaiṇṇaru and established the lamps of his fame in all directions; who to be praised by the eighteen who granted all the boons to the kings of (the eighteen countries in which) eighteen (different) languages (are spoken), who carry in regular order their tributes and gold and beg for what they want and praise the feet which emit sound (from the anklets he wears on them); who set up *agrahāras* in five places beginning with Vindai in order that numerous Brahmins might therein tend the sacred fire; who performed *pūjās* to Śiva so that the Śaiva faith might grow; who built a *maṇḍapa* for Him of Marudūr; who presented the midnight offering in golden vessels to the Chitpura who once resided in a bamboo (bush); who constructed a *maṇḍapa* to the Śaṅkara (Śiva) of Champakavana; who having decorated (the image of the god of Champakavana) with a jewelled crown and celebrated a festival (at the end of which) wished to bathe the image in fragrant water (fresh water); at that time even the perennial stream had dried up and there was a very bad drought; the king prayed for water which, he, by the grace of the Pure, secured from no less a place than the distant one (the sky; that is, there was a heavy rain) and he bathed the image in it; who erected the big temple for Viśvanātha of

resplendent *jaṭā*, at Tenkāsi and endowed (it with lands) for the celebrations, in a more perfect manner than in other temples, of the occasional and all other *pūjas* mentioned in the good *āgamas*; and who was pleased to be seated on the prosperous golden throne with the possessor of the whole world (his queen),—the two figures appearing as though they were the embodiment of grace, as though they were the father and mother promising heavenly bliss :—

Having newly built in Dakṣiṇa Kāsi on the north bank of the river Chitranaḍi in the Tenṇāri-naḍu, a temple for Viśvanātha from the base to the top; set up the god Viśvanātha; finished the *ardhamaṇḍapa*, the middle verandah, the *mahāmaṇḍapa* and the *sōpāna*; set up the images beginning with the Paḷliyaṛai-nāchchiyaṛ; and having begun the circuiting walls, *gōpuras*, &c., we granted as *dēvadāna* the following villages: **formerly in the twenty-third year opposite the second, on a Friday the Svāti nakshatra and the Purnima tithi of the month.....**for the god Viśvanātha's *pūjas*, offerings, sandal, flower garlands, clothes, lamps, etc., and for various special *pūjas* and festivals :—(1) Tenkāsi in the Tenṇāri-naḍu; its four great boundaries are; on the east, the *nīrnakkal* and *parimbu* in Kārāṅkuḷam *alias* Puliyaṛpaṛru, the *puṇjai* belonging to the Brahman village of Puliyaṛ and the *maṭha* lands belonging to Nārāyaṇa Sripādaṅgal; on the south, the *parimbu* of Kuṇṇakkūḍi; on the north,.....Seṇṇāy-porrai and the boundary stone; thus the village contained within these four great boundaries. (2) The four great boundaries of Vāyulaṅṇpādi-paṛru, situated on the south bank of this river, are: on the east, the Puliyaṛ anicut, the village of Tiruchchālaikkūḍi, and Aḷaṅgal; on the south, the village of Tiruchchālaikkūḍi, the northern boundary of the Brahman village of Parākrama Pāṇḍya chaturvēdimaṅgalam, as also the old *dēvadāna* lands of the god of Tirukuṇṇālam; on the west, the anicut of Vāyulaṅṇkūḍi and on the north, the river Chitranaḍi. Thus the village contained within these four great boundaries. (3) The four great boundaries of the village of Kuṇṇakkūḍi are: on the east, Iḍaimalaipparimbu; on the south, the river Chitranaḍi; on the west, the Piḍāri temple of Seṅgōṭṭai and the grand road which leads to Ilattūr; and on the north, Kaḍamaṅḡuḷam; thus within the village contained within the four great boundaries, all lands excepting the one of nine *mās* and a *mundirigai* and three *mās* and a *mundirigai*, which are the *dēvadāna* lands belonging to the god of Tirukuṇṇālam. (4) The four great boundaries of the village of Parākrama Pāṇḍyanallūr are:—on the east, the great way leading to the (tank) Iluppaittonḍil; on the south the *nīrnakkal* of this tank; on the west, the old *dēvadāna* village of Tiruchchālaikkūḍi belonging to the god of Tirukuṇṇālam and on the north, the river ChitranaḍiThe village within the four great boundaries, the two *mās* of tax-free land belonging to Irungiṇḍi Śrī Padmanābha, and which was obtained by him by gift, are excepted. (5) The four great boundaries of the plots of land called Vallaimuṭṭam in the Nallūrpāṛru and the three and half *mās* of land taken from the Vāḍavūrpāṛru and added on to the above mentioned plot and which is watered by this tank, are:—On the east, Kāḍērippāṛru; on the south, the land in the Vāḍavūrpāṛru, watered by the (tank) Seṅḡuḷam, the large channel of Taṇjāvūr and the lands watered by the (tank) Aṇubhōgam-aḷagiyaṇ; on the west, the *nīrnakkal* belonging to this tank and the (village) Tavaṇaipāṛru and on the north, the great way leading from Taṇjāvūr to Tavaṇai; thus the village contained within these four great boundaries. (6) The four great boundaries of Nallāṇḍipillai-peṇṇāl, Viśvanāthappēreri belonging to the Paimboḷil-pāṛru of the Vāḍavūrināḍu are: on the east, the Piḍāriyaṛ temple of Seṅgōṭṭai and the large path leading from this village to Ilattūr; on the south, the river; on the west, the great way leading from Paimboḷil to Nallūr, and Muḷaṅḡalmuṭṭi-pāṛai; and on the north, the Ten-idu-porrai; thus the village contained within these four great boundaries:

In addition to these villages, we have already granted, the following are granted for the expenses of the daily *pūjas*, etc., **this day, Monday, the Pañchami of the bright fortnight of the month of Mesham, Punarvasu nakshatra**:—(1) The four great boundaries of the

villages of Puliyūr *alias* Rājakulārāmanallūr in the Teṇṇāri-naḍu are : on the east, the village of Paṭṭak which is the *maṭha* land belonging to Tiruveṇkāṭṭu Mudaliyār; on the south, the river Sirrāru; kuṇichechi, on the west, Teṇkāsi the old *dēvadāna*s village and on the north thus in the village contained within these four great boundaries with the exception of the *dēvadāna*s belonging to the gods of Tirukurālam and Vikrama Paṇḍyēśvara, the *tiruvīḍaiyāṭṭam* lands of the gods Tiruvirunda-perumāl and Tiruvēgaḍanātha of Parākrama Paṇḍyanallūr; the *maṭha* lands belonging to Mukundānanda Nārāyaṇa Śrīpādangaḷ and the *agrahāra*s. (2) The four great boundaries of Vira Paṇḍyanallūr also in the Teṇṇāri-naḍu are : on the east, the Taṭṭāṇkuḷam; on the south, the channel called the Rājakulārāman-kāl *alias* Tiruchchirram-balattukkāl, Āhavarāma the *tiruvīḍaiyāṭṭam* land of the god Tiruvirundaperumāl; on the west, Paṭṭakkuṇichechi, the *maṭha* land belonging to Tiruveṇkāṭṭu Mudaliyār and on the north, the great road leading to Viṇḍanūr; thus the village contained within these four great boundaries.

Thus the *nañjai* and *puñjai* lands, *māvaḍai*, *maravaḍai*, *paṭṭaḍai* the betel gardens, the tax on oil-mills and other items of income accruing from the villages above mentioned as granted as *dēvadāna* lands, shall be enjoyed on the authority of this deed and according to the conditions (above recorded), from the *paśānam* crop of **the thirtieth year**, as long as the moon and the stars endure and as long as this temple exists. May this (document) be engraved on stone and copper and the *pūjas* be performed without any shortcomings.

This is the signature of Kiḍāratṭūr-uḍaiyaṇ. Tulyam (the sign manual of the king).

NO. III. TENKASI GOPURAM INSCRIPTIONS OF ARIKESARI PARAKRAMADEVA.

The verses edited below are all engraved on the walls of the ruined *gōpura* in front of the Viśvanāthasvāmin temple at Teṇkāsi, and are tolerably well preserved. The language is Tamil; the records are all in the Tamil alphabet of the period to which they belong.

V. 1. The first verse records the date of the beginning of the construction of the temple.

V. 2. This verse records the date of setting up of the image of Viśvanāthasvāmin.

Vv. 3-4. Record the date of the beginning of the construction of the front *gōpura* of the Viśvanāthasvāmin temple.

Vv. 5-7. Exhortations of king Parākrama to the public and other princes to protect and improve the arrangements about the management etc., of the temple.

V. 8. States that king Parākrama Paṇḍya died six years after the beginning of the *gōpura* and after the stone work was finished.

Vv. 9-12. Once more the king exhorts in a similar strain as in verses 5-7 above.

V. 13. Records the date of death of Arikēsari Parākrama Paṇḍya.

V. 14. This verse is what might be called a *charama śloka* and laments the death of the king.

Vv. 15-16. Praises of Parākrama Paṇḍya.

It is quite plain that all the verses above described belong to the reign and a little after the death of Parākrama Paṇḍya. We know from various other records that this sovereign ruled from Ś 1344-1385. In the Śaka year 1368, on a Friday, the tenth *tithi* of the bright half of the month Vaiḍāsi, the fifteenth day of that month on the Uttara nakṣatra and mīna rāsi, Parākrama began to build the temple; and in the year 1369, on a Saturday, the 17th or 18th, the image of the god was set up in the temple. In the year 1379 corresponding to the Kali year 4558, on a Thursday, the fifth of the month Kārttigai, in the Simha mūhūrta and Mṛgaśīrṣa nakṣatra the *gōpura* was begun to be built. Six years after, in the year 1385, king Parākrama Paṇḍya died with the satisfaction that at least the stone basement of the *gōpura* was finished.

Text (1)

1. ஸிவஸூ உ அனபினுடன் சகாதத்தமாயிரத்து முன்னுற்றறுபத்⁽²⁾ -
2. தெட்டதன் மேல் வைத்தாகித் திங்கள்⁽³⁾ மந்தியதியினாந்திற் பூறு⁽⁴⁾ -
3. வபக்கமருவு தெசமியில் வெள்ளி வாரந்தன்னில்⁽⁵⁾ மிந்திகழுத்திரநாள்⁽⁶⁾
4. மீனத்தில் வாசை வேலரிசேசரி பாக்கிறம்⁽⁷⁾ மகிபன் தென் திசையிற் கா -
5. சிநகர் க்கோயில்காணச் சென்று நின்று கர்ப்பசனை⁽⁸⁾ தான் செய்வித் -
6. தானே உ [1 || *] அடைவுதிகழ் சகாதத்தமாயிரத்து முன்னுற்றறு⁽²⁾பத் -
7. தொன்பதின் மேற் செல்⁽⁹⁾ மிதுன ஞாயற்றிறடைமருவு தியதிபதி[ன] -
8. விற் சனிவார[மதனில் மீனத்தில் மன . . .
9.
10. டையவரைத் தென்காசிச் சிவாலபத்தினுள்ளமைத்துத் தெள்ளமுதமுட் -
11. டினுனே உ [1 || 2 *]
12. பன்னு கலியுக நாலாயிரத் தைஞ்ஞற் றைம்பத்தெட்டின் மேலெவரும் பணிந்து
போற்ற[ச்] -
13. சென்னெல் வயற்⁽¹¹⁾ தென்காசி நகரில்⁽¹²⁾ நற்காத்திகைத்திங்கள் த்தியதி⁽¹³⁾
யைந்திற் செம்பொன் வாரம் -
14. ன்னிய மார்கழிநாளில்⁽¹⁴⁾ மதுரை வேந்தன் வடிவெழுதொணுத பாக்கிறம் மகிபன்
சொன்னவரை -
15. போற்⁽¹⁵⁾ திருக்கோபுரமுங்காணத் துடியிடையாயுபானமுதல் துடக்கினுனே உ
[1 || 3*] ஏராருஞ் சகா -
16. த்தமாயிரத்து முன்னுற்றறுபுபத்⁽¹⁸⁾ தொன்பதின்மேற் காத்திகை மாதத்திற்
சீராருந் -
17. தியதியைந்திற் குருவாரத்திற் சிங்க முகுத்தத்தில் மிறுகசீரிழ்சுத் -⁽¹⁷⁾
18. தன்னில் ரன்னூல் வழுத⁽¹⁸⁾ பாக்கிறம் மகிபன் கூரா⁽¹⁹⁾ -
19. பான முதல் கோட்டினுனே உ [1 || 4*]⁽²⁰⁾
20. சேலேறிய வயற்⁽²¹⁾ தென்காசி யாலைபற் தெய்வசெயலாலே சமைந்ததிங்கென் -
21. செயல்ல வதனையின்ன மேலே விரிவுசெய்தே புரப்பாடி வீழ்தவா -
22. தம்பாலேவல்செய்து பணிவன் பாக்கிறம் பான்டியனே உ [1 || 5*] மனத்த[ர]ல்
23. வகுக்கவுமெட்டாத கோயில் வகுக்க முன் [னி]ன்றனைத்தான் பணிகொண்ட -
24. நாதன் தென்காசியை பென்று மண்மேல் நினைத்தாதாருசெய்து தங்காவல்
25. பூண்ட நிருபர் பதந்தனைத் தாழ்ந்திறைஞ்சித் தலைமீதியானுற் தரித்தனனே உ [1 || 6*]

(1) From inked impressions.

(2) Read முந்தூற்றறு

(3) Read திங் கண்

(4) Read பூர்வ

(5) Read தன்னின்

(6) Read நான்

(7) Read பாக்கிரம் This spelling must be adopted throughout this inscription.

(8) Read கர்ஷணை

(9) Read சென்

(10) Metre of verses 1 and 2, என்சீர்க்கழி செடிவடி யாசிரிய விருத்தம்.

(11) Read செந்நெல் வயற்றென்

(12) Read ககரினம்

(13) Read திங்கட்டியதி

(14) Read காளின்

(15) Read போற்றிருக்கோபுர

(16) Read முந்தூற்றறு

(17) Read மிருகசீரிஷம்

(18) Read உழுதி

(19) Read கூருபான

(20) Metre of verses 3-4, the same as 1 and 2.

(21) Read வயற்றென்காசி

26. பூதலதத்திற் (23) தார்த்தங்கியைப் புடைசூழ்ந்தென் [காசியை] பூதலதத்திற் (23) தார்த்தங்கியைப் புடை-
 27. னே புரப்பார்க்கன் செந்தாமரை [பாள் காந்தன்] பராக்கிறமக்கை [ய்] த-
 28. வன் மானகவசன் கொற்கை வேந்தன் பணிபவராக யென்னோரும் (23) விளங்கு-
 29. வரே உ [|| 7*] காண்டசூ சீர்புனை தென்காசிக்கோபுரக் கற்பணியாறாண்டில் முடி-
 30. த்துக்கயிலை சென்றான்கிலேசர் பதம் பூண்டுறை சிந்தை யரிகேசரி விற்கை-
 31. ப் போர்கடந்த பாண்டியன் பொன்னின் பெருமான் பராக்கிறம, பாண்டியனை உ [|| 8*]
 32. ஆராயினு மிந்தத் தென்காசி [மேவும்] பொன்னுலைபத்து வாரா-
 33. ததோர் குற்றம் வந்தால் போதங்கு வந்ததனை நோகவே-
 34. யொழித்துப் புரப்பார்க்கை நீதியுடன் பாராறியப் பணிந்தேன்
 35. பராக்கிறம பாண்டியனை உ [|| 9*] அரிகேசரிமன் பராக்கிறம மாறனரனருளால்
 36. வரிசேர் பொழிலணி தென்காசிக்கோயில் வகுத்து வலம்புரிசேர் கடற்புவி-
 37. போற்ற வைத்தேனென்பு பூண்டிதனைத் திரிசேர் விளக்கெனக் காப்பார் பொற்-
 38. பாதமென் சென்னியதே உ [|| 10*] சாத்திரம் பார்த்திங்கியான் கண்ட பூசை-
 39. கந்தாம் நடாத்தியேத்தியன்பால் விசுவ(24)நாதன் பொற்கோயிலை-
 40. ன்றும் புரக்கப் பா [ர]த்தியன் கொற்கைப் பராக்கிறம மாறன் பரிவு-
 41. டனங் கோத்திரத்தன்னிலுள்ளார்க்கு படைக்கலங் கூறினனே உ [|| 11*]
 42. மென்காசை மாமலரன்ன மெய்யோர்க்கும் விரிஞ்சனுக்கு-
 43. ம் வன்காசுதீர்த்திடும் விச்சுவநாதன் மகிழ்ந்திருக்கப்-
 44. யொன்காசை மெய்யென்று தொட் டைக்ககு மிப்பூதல-
 45. த்துத் [தென்காசி] [கண்ட பெருமான் பராக்கிற]மத் தென்னவனை உ [|| 12*]
 46. [ஏ] ரார் சகாத்த முன்னூற்று (25) டனாபிரத்தென்பத் தஞ்சிற் சீராருமர்கழி-
 47. [சி]த் [கிரை நா] னிற் [சிறந்து குற்றம்வாராத பூணையி]னிற் பராக்கிறம மாறனை-
 48. ரா... கயிலாயந்தான் கண்டனனே உ [|| 13*]
 49. கோதற்ற பத்தி யறுபத்துமூவர்தங் கூட்டத்திலோ தீதற் [ற] வெள்ளிச் [சி]லம்-
 50. பகத்தோ செம்பொனம் பலத்தோ வேதத்திலோ சிவலோகத்தலோ (26)
 51. விசுவநாதனிரு பாதத்திலோ சென்றுபுக்கான் பராக்கி[ற]ம பாண்டியனை உ [|| 14*]
 (27)
 52. ஓங்குநிலை பொன்பதுற்ற திருக்கோபுரமும்
 53. பாங்கு பதினென்று பயில் தூணுந்தேங்கு பு-
 54. கழ் மன்னர்பெருமான் வழதிகண்டதென்-
 55. காசுதன்னி லன்றியுண்டோ தலத்து உ [|| 15*] (28)
 56. அணிகொண்ட விர்த வணங்குமோ-
 57. ன்றே யடியேற்குனக்கு மணி-
 58. கொண்ட வாசல் பணியும்
 59. ஒன்றே பகை மன்னரை-
 60. யும் பணிகொண்ட காரை [ய]-
 61. முன்னீரையும் (29) பெரும்பூதத்-
 62. தையும் பணிகொண்ட செண்ப-
 63. க [த*] தென்னு பராக்கிறம பாண்டியனை உ [|| 16*] (30).

(22) Read பூதலதத்திருத்தல்

(23) Read யென்காறும்

(24) Read விசுவநாதன்.

(25) Read முந்நூற்று

(26) Read சிவலோகத்திலோ

(27) Metre of verses 5 to 14, கட்டளைக்கலித் துறை.

(28) Metre வெண்பா.

(29) Read முநீரையும்.

(30) Metre, கட்டளைக்கலித் துறை.

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

V. 1. After the Śaka year one thousand three hundred and sixty-eight had expired on the tenth of the month of Vaigāsi, the tenth *tiṭhi* of the first fortnight, Friday, in the Uttara nakshatra and Mina *rāsi*, the king Arikēsari Parākrama began the *karṣhāṇa* ceremony preparatory to the building of the temple at Teṅkāsi.

V. 2. After the Śaka year one thousand three hundred and sixty-nine had expired, on the seventeenth (or the eighteenth) of the month in which the sun stood in the constellation Mithuna.....Saturday, he set up the image of the God in the temple and presented offerings to it.

Vv. 3-4. In the Kali year four thousand five hundred and fifty-five expired, on the fifth of the month Kārttigai, Thursday, Mārgasīrṣha nakshatra, the king began building the *gōpura* resembling the golden mountain (Mēru), from its foundation.

After one thousand three hundred and seventy-nine years of the Śaka era had elapsed, on the fifth day of the month Kārttigai, Thursday in the Śirūba *muhūrta*, Mṛigaśīrṣha nakshatra, the king Parākrama Pāṇḍya began building the *gōpura* from the *upāna* (basement).

V. 5. The temple at the fertile town of Teṅkāsi came into existence only by the will of Providence; it is not actually my work. I, Parākrama Pāṇḍya, shall prostrate before the feet of and serve those, who extend and protect it.

V. 6. I bow before, praise and wear on my head the feet of those sovereigns who tenderly protect the temple at Teṅkāsi, the construction of which could not even be conceived mentally but which was, however, accomplished by the Lord, through me as his agent.

V. 7. All those who, themselves with their relatives, afford protection to the temple at Teṅkāsi, shall, being respected by the king Parākrama Pāṇḍya *alias* Mānakavacha, the lord of Koṅkai, shine for ever.

V. 8. The king Parākrama Pāṇḍya *alias* Arikēsari the victor in the battle of Vindai, the worshipper of the feet of Akhilēśa, went to Kailāsa (heaven, i. e., died), finishing the stone work of the *gōpura* at Teṅkāsi, six years after its commencement.

V. 9. I, Parākrama Pāṇḍya bow before those who, when anything pertaining to the temple affairs goes wrong, attend to it personally and set it right.

V. 10. The beautiful feet of those who maintain the temple affairs as tenderly as one watching a burning lamp, shall be worn by me, Arikēsari Parākrama Pāṇḍya, on my head.

V. 11. The king Parākrama Pāṇḍya, the lord of Koṅkai, exhorts the princes of the Pāṇḍya, family to keep up the various *pūjas* which, he after consulting the *sāstras* established in the temple at Teṅkāsi.

V. 12. Praises Parākrama Pāṇḍya, the builder of the temple at Teṅkāsi.

V. 13. Records that the king died on the Chitra nakshatra which occurred on the Paurṇima of the month Mṛigaśīrṣha of the year one thousand three hundred and eighty-five.

V. 14. The poet, lamenting on the death of the king, asks if he went away to join the crowd of the sixty-three Śaiva devotees, took abode in the silver anklet of Śiva, the Golden Hall (Chidambaram), the Vēdas, the Śivalōka or the two feet of Viṣvanātha.

V. 15. Is it possible, the poet asks to find anywhere else but at Teṅkāsi, the like of the tall nine storeyed *gōpura* and the eleven pillared *maṇḍapa* built by the lord of kings, the Pāṇḍya.

V. 16. The poet praises the prowess of king Parākrama.

No. IV. THE TENKASI PILLAR INSCRIPTION OF ARIKĒSARI
PARAKRAMA PAṆḌYA.

The following inscription is engraved on the four faces of a pillar set up in front of the ruined *gōpura* of the Viśvanāthasvāmin temple at Tenkāsi. It recounts the circumstances under which this temple came to be built. It states that **Arikesari Parākrama Paṇḍyadeva** dreamt a dream, in which the god Viśvanātha of Kāsi, (Benares), appeared to command him to build for Him a temple on the north bank of the Chitra-nadi in the Tenṇāri-naḍu, for the one at Kāsi became ruined. The king began the work; the preparation of the ground was begun in the year, Ś. 1368, and the whole work of construction etc., lasted *seventeen years*, during which the following were built:—The temple of Viśvanāthasvāmin containing the central shrine, the *arḍha maṇḍapa*, the *mahā maṇḍapa*, *sōpāna*, and *āvaranas*. A temple for the goddess, Ulaga-muḷudūḍaiya Nāchchiyār with *āvaranas* etc; a shrine for Sahasra-līṅga, one for Śakti-pīṭha, and another for a Piḍāri named Arikēsari-naṅgai were also built. A shrine for a Gaṇēśa named Arikēsari-Piḷaiyār was constructed in the west fifth street. Besides these the king constructed the kitchen, the *ārāṭṭu maṇḍapa* and all other minor works connected with the main temple. The *parivāras*, beginning with Rishabhadēva, were all set up. Then the large *gōpura* was begun. It took from the month of Vaigāsi of the 2+22nd year to the 31+9th year of the reign of the king to complete all the above mentioned works. Considering the magnitude of the work and the shortness of time taken in its completion, the world began to believe it was due more to Providential than human exertion.

The king ordered that, on the Makhā nakshatra in the month of Māsi, the image of Viśvanāthasvāmin should be taken to the river in procession for the bathing ceremony.

Arikesari Parākrama Paṇḍyadeva granted several villages for the up-keep of the services, of the temple. They are:—Tenkāsi and Ilaṅji in the Tenṇāri-naḍu; Kuṇṇakkuḍi, Puliyūr. Pāṭṭākkurichchi Virapāṇḍiyanallūr; Taṇḍjavūr in the Nallūr-paṇṇu, Kāḍēriyallaimuṭṭam, Paṇṇi-muṭṭam, Taṇṇa...pai, Kāṇṇuchcherai; Tavarāṅgāḍu in the Kuṇṇumai-naḍu, Iḍaitavapai in the same *nāḍu*; Mānailainallūr, Kāraikkuruchchi and Piḷaiyārkuḷam etc. Of these, I am able to identify Tenkāsi, Ilaṅji, Puliyūr and Kuṇṇakkuḍi, all of which still retain the same names.

Text

East face.

1. சிவதஸூ [11*] ஸநாயுத தெதக வததம் ஸதஸூ
2. ஸாநதேனலிவி: | ஸாவதம் விஸ்தாயஸு ஸத்
3. [ஹா] ஜயதி ஸாஸுத | ஸகாஷ்ட ஆயிரத்து முன்-
4. ஸாற்று எண்பத்துநாலின்மேற் செல்லாநின்ற
5. ஸனி ஸ்ரீ கொஜபிதவததாராத ச்ரீஸுவததுகுவ
6. திருகன் பெருமான் சுகிசெவரிசெவர் என்று திரு-
7. நாமம் உடைய பொன்னின் பெருமான்
8. வாக்ரத வாணுசெவர் இருந்தருளிய இடத்-
9. துக்கு யாண்டு முப்பத்து ஒன்றாவதின் எதிர் ஒன்-
10. பதாவது லிபுத நாயற்று இருபத்தெட்டாந்திய-
11. தியும் ஸவாவகூத்து சூயொலியும் ஸகுவாரமும்
12. பெற்ற நம்முடைய இருந்தருளிய இடத்தின் திருநான்-
13. ஆன சூயஸீஷத்து நான் ஜநமும் பதினெட்டுநாட்டு வெ-
14. ள்ளாமுறும் இரண்டு பத்திரிவழியும் மற்றும் அஞ்ச வகை-

15. ப்பட்ட பரிசாமுங்கடி [க்] கற்பித்த காரியமாவது உடையா[ர்*].
16. விஸ்தாபய உதூகாரியிலேமுந்தருளி இருந்-
17. த சிவாலயம் ஜீண்டமாகையாலே தென்னுரி-
18. நாட்டு ஆதரடி உதூகார்த்திலே நமக்கு டகதி
19. ணகாரியாக ஆலையஞ்செப்து தாவேணும்-
20. என்று எங்களுடைய கதூர் பேருமாள் கரிகேஸரி-
21. டெவர் என்று திருநாமமுடைய பொன்னின் பெரு-
22. மாள் பகாசுர பாணுடெவர் இருந்தருளிய இட-
23. த்தின் உடனே [ஹ] ஸத்திலே திருவுள்ளம்பற்றி அ-
24. ருளுகையாலே முன்னுள் ஸகாஷ்ட ஆயிரத்து முன்-
25. னாற்றி அறுபத்தேட்டின்மேல் ஜஷஹ ரூயற்று-
26. ப்பத்தார்த்தியதியும் பூவபகஷத்து டசுதியும் ஸகூ
27. வாமும் பெற்ற உத்திரத்து நாள் மீனமுஹூதூமா-
28. ககஷ்டணையும் செய்து டகதி ணகாரியாகத் தி-
29. ருப்படைவீடும் உண்டு ஆக்கி உடையா[ர்]
30. விஸ்தாபணையும் நாச்சியார் உலகமுழுது-
31. முடைய நாச்சியாரையும் ஸுதிஷித்து இன்பு-
32. னார்க்குத் திருக்கோயில் உபாதாடி ஹூஷு
33. கமாகவும் கஷ்டஜ்ஞபம் இடைநாழிகை
34. மஹாஜ்ஞபம் ஹொ [பா] தம் ஆவாணமொ-
35. புராடிகளுந் திருப்பணிசெய்து நாச்சியார்
36. உலகமுழுதுடைய நாச்சியார்க்குந்தி-
37. ருக்கோயிலும் ஆவாணமுங் குறைவற திரு-
38. ப்பணியுஞ் செய்து மோபுரமுமாடிவித்து
39. ஸஹஸ லிம்பாயமும் ஸக்தி பீராயமும்
40. செய்து ஜஷஹடெவர் முதலாக உள்ள பரி-
41. வார நாயன்மாரையும் ஸுதிஷித்து ஸஹஸ
42. லிம்பமும் ஸக்தி பீரமும் ஸுதிஷித்து அரிகேஸரி-
43. நங்கை என்று திருநாமமுடைய பிடாரியை-
44. யும் ஸுதிஷித்து பிடாரி கோயிலும் மேலை அஞ்-
45. சாந்திருவிதியில் அரிகேஸரிப் பிள்ளையார் திரு-

North face

46. க்கோயிலும் ஆறாட்டு மண்டபமும்
47. வெச்சமுது மண்டமும் மற்றுமிக்-
48. கோயில்களிலுள்ள திருப்பணிகளும்
49. ஹாமோபுரமும் எங்கள் கதூர் இரு-
50. ந்தருளிய இடம் முன்னுள் இரண்டா-
51. வதின் எதிர் இருபத்திரண்டாவது வை-
52. காசிமாதர் துடங்க முப்பத்து ஒன்று-

53. வதின் எதிர் ஒன்பதாவதுவரை பதினே -
 54. முடிஷத்துக்குள்ளுத்திருப்பணி செய்து நி -
 55. றைவேற்றின இது மாணுஷமல்ல டெடி
 56. வீசுமென்று எல்லாரும[ரி]ந்து கொள் -
 57. ளவும் எங்களுடைய கத்தூர் இருந்தருளி -
 58. ய இடம் திருவுள்ளம் பற்றியருள நான்க -
 59. ளும் கஷ்டனைதுடங்கி இந்தத்திருப்ப
 60. ணி யெல்லாங்கூடச் செய்கையுஞ் -
 61. செய்து எங்கள் இருந்தருளிய இடம் இ -
 62. ன்னாபுனர்க்கும் நாச்சிமார்க்கும் மற்று -
 63. ள்ள [ந]ாயன்மார்க்கும் பூஜாங்கத்து -
 64. க்கு வேண்டும் அனைத்துக் கொத்தி -
 65. லுள்ளனையுங் கற்பித்து திருவாபா -
 66. ணமும் பரிசுல பரிஸிஷுமும் குடுத்து
 67. பூஜெயு குறைவு நடுத்தி மாசுமா -
 68. தத்தில் ஹத்துநாள் கீதூமாக நடந்து -
 69. போதுகிற திருநாளுநடத்தி பூஜெ -
 70. க்கு வேண்டும் அமுதுபடி கறியமுது
 71. சாத்துப்படி கற்பூரம் குங்குமம் பன் -
 72. றீர் திருநாலை திருப்பரிவட்டம் திருவி -
 73. ளக்கு உட்பட்ட பலவகைக்கும் மற்று -
 74. ம் வேண்டும் திதுரெமத்திகங்களுக் -
 75. கும் தேவதானமாக விட்ட தென்னரி -
 76. நாட்டுத் தென்காசியும் இலஞ்சி குன்ற -
 77. க்குடி புலியூர் பாட்டக்குறுச்சி வீரபா -
 78. ண்டிய நல்லூர் உள்விட்ட பற்றும் நல் -
 79. லூர்ப்பற்றில் தஞ்சாவூர் காடேற்றிவன் -
 80. [ன]முட்டம் பன்றிமுட்டம் தண்ணை -
 81. பை கற்றுச்செற்றை உள்விட்டமற்றும்
 82. குறுமறை நாட்டுத்துவரங்காரும் இடை -
 83. தவணையும் காக்குடிநாட்டு மானதிலைந -
 84. ல்லூரில் அகவயலில் நடுவில்த்தலை கூ -
 85. ற்றில் விட்ட பற்றும் இப்பற்றில் தென்கரை -
 86. காரிகுறிச்சி பிள்ளையார்குளம் உள்விட்ட ப -
 87. ற்றும் ஆக இப்பற்றுக்களும் விட்டு இவைநீ -
 88. டகலாக இதுக்கு முன்பு குளமுங்காலும்
 89. அணையும் அன்றி வன்காடாய்க்கிடந் -
 90. த காடுகளிலே பல இடத்திலும் ஏர்வை -

(The rest of the inscription is omitted in the transcript, as it is not of great importance to the history attempted in the earlier pages).

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

(ll. 1—3.) This is the śāsana of Viśvanātha (the god at Teṅkāśi).

(ll. 3—15.) After the Saka year **one thousand three hundred and eighty-four** had expired, in the ninth year opposite the thirty-first of the reign of the benign king Jaṭilavarman Tribhuvanachakravartin Perumāḷ **Parākrama Pāṇḍyadeva** *alias* **Arikesarideva**, on a Friday, the twenty-eighth of the month Mithuna, which corresponded with the thirteenth *tithi* of the dark fortnight, *Mrigaśirsha nakṣatra* the natal star of the king, the people, the *Veḷḷaḷas* of the eighteen provinces and *pattiri* of the two countries as also the five kinds of *parigaram* (artisans ?), were assembled and the following business was done :—

(ll. 15—24.) The god Viśvanātha, having appeared in the dream of the king Parākrama Pāṇḍyadeva was pleased to express his desire thus :—“Our temple in the northern Kāśi has become dilapidated. We desire that a temple for us should be built under the name of Dakṣiṇa Kāśi on the north bank of the river Chitrānadi.”

(ll. 25—31. (Upon hearing this) the king began the *karṣhaṇa* ceremony on a Friday, the tenth of the month of Rishabha, the tenth *tithi* of the bright fortnight, in the Uttara *nakṣatra* and the Mina *mihūrta* in the Saka year, **one thousand three hundred and sixty-eight**; built the temple of Teṅkāśi and set up in it the god Viśvanātha and the goddess Ulagamulududaiya-Nāchehiyār.

(ll. 32—35.) He built the temple for the god from the base to the top, with the *arddha maṇḍapa*, the central passage, the *mahāmaṇḍapa*, the *sopāna* and the *gōpuras* and the circuiting walls.

(ll. 36—38.) So also he built for the goddess a temple and its *prākāra* walls and began a *gōpura* for it.

(ll. 38—57.) He also built the Sahasra-līṅgālaya, the Sakti-piṭhālaya and set up the lesser deities beginning with Rishabhadeva, as also the Sahasra-līṅga, the Śakti-piṭhālaya and the shrine for a *piḷāri* named Arikesari-naṅgai was also built; the king constructed a shrine for (a Gaṇeśa named) Arikesari-piḷḷaiyār in the fifth street on the west side (of the temple), and set up the image in it. The king built a *maṇḍapa* (on the river bank) for the *ārāṭṭu* (bathing) festival, the kitchen and all other structures in connection with this temple. He began the construction of the *mahāgōpura*. Thus the temple works that took **seventeen years** to complete, beginning from the month of Vaiḡāśi of the second year opposite the twenty-second and continued till the ninth opposite the thirty-first, must not be considered a human but a divine undertaking.

ll. 52—75. We all stayed till the completion of the works from the *karṣhaṇa* downwards; afterwards the king appointed servants for the various services, granted jewels and paraphernalia and performed the *pūjas* regularly. He established a festival which ended on the Makhā *nakṣatra* in the month of Māśi, when the image of the god was bathed in the river. He granted several villages for the supply of rice, vegetables, sandal, camphor, saffron, rose-water, garlands, cloths, lamps, etc.

ll. 75 to the end. The rest of the record gives a list of villages, with their boundaries, granted by the king.

No. V. TENKASI GOPURAM INSCRIPTION OF ALAGAN KULASEKHARA.

The subjoined verse is engraved on the north wall of the ruined *gopura* in front of the Viṣṇuātthasvāmīn temple at Tenkasi. It records that the king **Alaṅga-perumāḷ Kulaśekhara**, who calls Arikēsari Parākrama Paṇḍya his brother (or cousin, *amālvī*) seeing that the work undertaken by the latter remained incomplete, caused the superstructure of the *gopura* to be finished with brick.

This prince Kulaśekhara has been taken as brother or cousin, of Arikēsari, in the General Introduction.

Text (1)

1. விண்ணுடர் போற்றுந் தென்காசி
2. பொற்கோபுரம்தி. லெங்கனண்ணுழவி
3. செய்த பனியிப்படி குறையய்க்கிட-
4. க்கவொண்ணுதெனக் கண்டியுந்த
5. தட்டோடெங்கு முன்றுவித்தான்
6. மண்ணுந் மாலதகன் குலசேகர மன்னனை (2)

Translation.

The king **Alaṅga Kulaśekhara**, the ruler of the earth, deciding that the work done by his elder brother on the beautiful *gopura*, which is praised even by the celestials, should not remain thus incomplete, finished it fully with brick.

No. VI. SENGOTTAI INSCRIPTION OR KULASEKHARADEVA ALIAS PARAKRAMA PANDYA.

The inscription edited below is engraved on the south wall of the central shrine of the Śiva temple at Sengottai. It records the grant of land to the temple by the king. It is dated the Śaka year 1467, which was also the third year of the reign of **Kulaśekharaḍeva**. The grant was made on a Friday, the *Ēkdādaśi tithi* of the dark half of the month of Aṣṣaḍi of the year Viśvāvasu. This king is the paternal uncle of Ativicārāma Paṇḍya and father of Varatuṅgarāma Paṇḍya. From this record we learn that the initial year of the reign of this king is Ś. 1464.

Text (1)

1. ஸம்மதஸம் [|| *] ஸுவிஸ்ரீ [|| *] ஸம்வெககலீ
2. உஜுகூலு ப்ரீவ கொஜடிலவதத் [தி]-
3. ஸம்வதவிகுவதி கொநேரின்மைகொண்டான்
4. பெருமான் சுலிராதவராசுவாணு தேவர் தகுநான்
5. ஸ்ரீ பெராஜா உகூலசுகாதேவரான வராசுவாணு-
6. தேவருக்கு யாண்டு ஸகாஷ்ட தசாகம் எ ல் முன்றுவது விஸாவ-
7. ஸம் வஷ்டம் அற்பகி தாஸி முப்பதாந்தியதியும் கவாவ-
8. சுஷ்த்து ஸகாஷ்டியும் ஸம்சுவாரமும் வைகுதியொழிமு-
9. ம் ஸிவஹகாணமும் பெற்ற உதீர்த்துநான் தென்னு[ரி]-
10. நாட்டு செங்கோட்டையில் உடைபார் குலசே-
11. காமுடைய நயினுற்கு தேவதானம் பாட்டமாக

(1) From inked impression.

(2) From inked impressions.

(2) Metre, கட்டளைக் கலித்துறை.

12. குறித்த நிலம் அரைமாவுக்கு நாம் சேத்துக்குடுத்த (2)
13. நிலமாவது மேற்படிநாட்டு மேற்படியூரில்
14. மேற்படியார் அஞ்சாலியில் மேல்வாரம் தவிர்த்து-
15. க்குடுத்த குளப்புரவு பதினென்றங் கண்ணுதடி
16. ஆறு நிலம் அரைக்காணி முந்திரிகை பன்னிரண்-
17. டாங்கண்ணு தடி எட்டு நிலம் அரைக்காணி மு-
18. ந்திரிகை பதின்கூன்றங் கண்ணுதடி அஞ்சு
19. நிலம் அரைக்காணி இதுவும் ஆகநிலம் அரைமாவும்
20. நாளது முதலுக்கு நான்கொன்றும் முறைபாடு ஏற்பேற்- (3)
21. பட்டதும் நம்வரியிலார் கணக்கிலும் தவிர்த்து சூவ-
22. ளுதாவற் செம்பிளும் சிவெயிலும் வெட்டிகை-
23. ம்யாண்டு கொள்ளவும் [||*] தூய் [||*] பாந்த [||*] இவை
24.

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Be it well. Hail! Prosperity! In the Śaka year 1467 expired, which was the third year of the reign of **Perumāḷ Parākrama Pāṇḍyadeva** alias **Kulaśekhara**,—the unrivalled hero of the world, the light of the *chandra-kula*, the king Jaṭilavaraman, the lord of the three worlds, Kōṇṇeriṇmaikoṇḍāṇ, —the son of Perumāḷ Abhirāma Parākrama Pāṇḍyadeva; on a Friday corresponding to Ēkādaśi in the dark half and the thirtieth of the month of Arpaṣi in the year Viśvāsu, in the Vaidhṛiti yōga, Simha karaṇa and the Uttarā-nakṣatra, the king added further grant of lands to those already made to the God Kulaśekharam-uḍaiyār of Seṅgōṭṭai in the Teppārī-nādu; they are the tank fed lands (1) of six *taḍis* measuring *araikkūṇi-mundiri*, and situated near the eleventh channel, (2) of eight *taḍis* measuring *araikkūṇi-mundiri*, and situated near the twelfth channel and (3) of five *taḍis* measuring *araikkūṇi*; total, half a *mā*. The revenue accountants are ordered by the king to note that all taxes due to him from those lands have been abolished. The donees might get this document engraved on stone and copper and enjoy it as long as the moon and stars endure. The word *tulyam*, the royal signature is here engraved. Be it noted: this is the signature of

No. VII. TENKASI GOPURAM INSCRIPTION OF THE CORONATION OF NELVELI-MARAN.

The following inscription consists of two verses and is engraved on the south wall of the *gōpura* in front of the Viśvanāthasvāmin temple at Tenkaśi. The first verses records the date of the coronation of the king **Vira-veḷ** alias **Nelveli-māraṇ** under the name of **Kulaśekhara Pāṇḍya**. The second states that he wore, (that is received in praise of himself), the garland of *venbās* (a kind of metre) sung by poets, for fear that flower garlands would fade away in the course of time.

On a Monday, the 29th of Chittirai, on the dark half, in the year Paridāpi, Ś 1474, in the Mithuna lagna, Rōhiṇi nakṣatra, the king was crowned under the name of Kulaśekhara Pāṇḍya. The prince mentioned in this record is the son of Abhirāma Parākrama and father of Ativirārāma Śrivalabhā. It was in the name of this king that Ativirārāma built the temples of Kulaśekharamuḍaiyār and of Viṣṇu west of the former.

(2) Read சேர்த்துக்கொடுத்த.

(3) Read ஏற்பேரப்பட்டதும்.

Text (1)

1. ஏறிய சகரத்த மாயிரத்து நானூற்றெ-
2. முபத்தின்னாவில் (2) வரிழ்சம் பரி-
3. தாபிதனில் (3) மாதந்தேரிய கித்திரை-
4. யிருபத்தொன்பதாசுந்தேதி யிரண்-
5. டாம் பக்கந்திங்களு ரோகணி நான்
6. வீறுயர்ந்த மிதுனத்து நெல்வேலி-
7. மாறன் வீரவேள் சூலசேகரச்செழிய-
8. னென்று கரராறுபுனை யகிலேசர்
9. காகியிலே விளங்கவணிமவுலி த-
10. ரித்தனன் பராசர் பணிந்தனரே [|| 1*] (4)
11. ஏடியல் (5) மாலைபணிந்தாலும் வாடுமே-
12. னப்புலவோர் பாடிய வீரவெண்பரமாலை-
13. பைப்பொன்னின் பாண்டியன் பேரந்தே-
14. டிய வேற்செழியன் சூலசேகரத் தென்னனை-
15. ப்போற் சூடிய வேந்தருண்டோ வொருவேந்-
16. தரைச்சொல்லுகிலே [|| 2*] (6) நன்றாக உ

Translation

Verse 1. **Nelveli Māraṇ alias Viraveḷ** wore the beautiful crown under the name of **Kulaśekhara Pāṇḍya**, in the presence of the lord of the Universe at Tenkāṣi, on the twenty-ninth of the month Chittirai with the Rōhiṇī nakshatra in the dark half of the same month, in the year Paridāpi, which corresponded with the Śaka year **one thousand four hundred and seventy-four**; the kings of other countries showed their respect to him on this occasion.

V. 2. Is it possible to mention another king who wore the crown in the manner in which it was done by the king of rare qualities. **Kulaśekhara Pāṇḍya**, the wielder of the spear which seeks battles, who, feeling that flower garlands would all fade away, put on a garland of verses in the *venḇū* metre sung in praise of him by the poets? Be it well.

No. VIII. THE TENKASI GOPURAM INSCRIPTION OF THE CORONATION
OF SRIVALLABHA.

This single verse is also engraved on the door-post on the south side of the *gōpura*, and records the date of the coronation of **Aṭaṇa Sivala-vel**. It took place on Monday, the 20th of Chittirai of the year Raktākṣi, **Ś 1486**. This day corresponded with the 6th *tithi* of the bright half of that month, the nakshatra being Punarvasu. The king is the well known Ativirarāma Pāṇḍya of literary fame.

(1) From inked impressions.

(2) Read ௦ முபத்து நாலில், வருஷம்

(3) Read ௦ தன்னில்

(4) Metre, எண்ணிற்கழி கெடிலடியாசிரியவிருத்தம்

(5) Read ஏடியன்

(6) Metre, கட்டலைகலித்துறை.

Text (1)

1. சதன்கால மாயிரத்து நானூற்றெ-
2. ண்பத்தாற்றிற் சலதிருழந்த செக-
3. ங்காண விரத்தாக்கி சித்திரை-
4. யிலிருபதாந் தேதி லேந்தர்
5. புதழந்தேவல் செய்ப்பூறுவ-
6. திதியாறில் முதல் வாரம் புணர்-
7. பூசத்திற் சுகந்தாதி புணையழகன்
8. சிவலவேளென மகுடஞ்சூடினானே (2)

Translation.

Aṭaṅaṇ who revels in perfumes etc., wore the crown in the presence, of all the people under the name of Śivalavel, on the first day of the week, the sixth *tithi* of the first fortnight and the twentieth of the month of Chittirai, in the year Raktakshin corresponding to the Śaka year one thousand four hundred and eighty-six.

No. IX. ŚRĪVILLIPUTTŪR PLATES OF ABHIRAMA PĀṆDYA
ŚAKA SAMVAT 1474.

This copper-plate document belongs to a Śrivaishṇava Brāhmaṇa of *pūrva śikha* sect residing at Srivilliputtūr in the Tinnevely District. During my visit to that place four years ago he presented it to me for publication and from the impressions of the plates prepared under my supervision, I now edit the inscription.

The record is engraved on a set of three copper plates. Though each of them has a hole on its top, the plates are not bound together by a ring. The rims are neither raised nor thickened, but still the inscription on the plates is in an excellent state of preservation. The letters are cut deeply and neatly on both sides of the plates and on the top of the first side of the second and third plates the Tamil numerals *two* and *three* are engraved. At the end of the record is found the single word *tulyam* written in a rather bigger type than the rest of the writing.

The alphabet employed is throughout *grantha* of the period to which the document belongs. Excepting a few short prose passages such as *tebruvan* in l. 33, from *aḥi* in l. 55 to *agrahāra-makarōt* in l. 67, &c., the rest of the record is written in Sanskrit verse.

There are a few orthographical peculiarities which deserve to be noted. The *visarga* is represented in most cases by what resembles a final *m*. In fact it is only from the context one has to make out that it is the symbol of *visarga* and not of the final *m*: e. g., in *pravinah* occurring in l. 11, in *vikhaṇḍitārik* in l. 13, in *kirttiḥ* in l. 20, in *babhūvuk* in l. 23, in *vibhuh* in l. 38; Compare these *visarga* symbols with the final *m* in *dhammāṇām* in l. 19. The letter *pa* and some of its secondary forms resemble *cha* and its secondary forms, e. g., in *prāpta* occurring in l. 8, *prachanda* in l. 11, *vidvān* in l. 73. Other minor peculiarities are noted in footnotes attached to the text.

The record belongs to the reign of a Pāṇḍya king named Abhirāma Pāṇḍya. He is said to be the son and grandson respectively of Parākrāma Pāṇḍya and Abhirāma Pāṇḍya. In the Śaka year 1474 denoted by the chronogram *Vāsivandya*, corresponding to the cyclic year *Virōdhakrit*, in the *Uttarāyana*, in the *Hemantaritu*, when the sun was in *Makara*, in the dark fortnight, on a new-moon *tithi*, combined with *Nāga-karaṇa* and *Vyātīpāta*, when the moon was in the constellation of *Śravana*, on the auspicious occasion of a solar eclipse, king Abhirāma

(1) From inked impressions.

(2) Metre, அறுசீர்க்கழிநெடிலடியாகிய விருத்தம்.

Pāṇḍya made the village of **Kshirārjunapura** into an *agrahāra* named **Parākrama Pāṇḍya-pura**. The new name seems to have been conferred on it after the name of the king's father and would appear to have been already granted to the *brāhmaṇas* by one of his predecessors.

The three kings mentioned in this document, Abhirāma, his son Parākrama and his son Abhirāma are identical with Abhirāma Parākrama Pāṇḍya, the brother of Āhavarāma; his son Parākrama; and his son was Varatuṅgarāma, who we know from other records (No. XII) was known before his coronation by the names Abhirāma and Abhirāma-Sundarēśvara.

I am not able to identify Kshirārjunapura regranted by this king. Evidently it is the translation of some Tamil name such as Pāmarudu, &c., and it is very difficult to guess the original name from its translation. Malli is the same as Malli in the Śrīvilliputtūr Talūka of the Tinnevely District.

TEXT.¹

First Plate: First Side.

1. शुभमस्तु[॥*]
2. विबुधमकुटरलप्रोलसत्-
3. पंकजाग्रि² विविमुरशतमन्युस्तू³
4. यमानप्रतापः । जलदविमलनी-
5. लो जन्हु⁴ क्रन्याधरेशो जय-
6. तु जगती⁵ जेता जानकि⁶ जानिरे-
7. पः ।[॥ १*]⁷ वन्तीकृता⁸ येन वलाह-
8. काश्च संस्थापितम⁹ मनीयुगं
9. सुमेरौ । प्राप्तम्प्रोतः क-
10. नाकासनाद्धं स पाण्ड्यराजो
11. जयतु प्रवीणः ।[॥ २*]¹⁰ शशास पा-
12. ण्ड्ये¹¹ प्वभीरामपाण्ड्यः¹² प्रचण्ड-
13. दोर्दण्डविखण्डितारिः [॥*] मत्स्य-
14. द्भजो मन्मथ येव¹³ भूमीम् वसुन्ध-
15. रा भूपि येन सार्था [॥ ३*]¹⁴ अज-

1. From inked impressions prepared by me.

2. Read ०जाग्रि०.

3. स्तू looks like स्त्र.

4. More correctly हु.

5. Read जगति.

6. Read ०कीजा०

7. Metre मालिनी.

8. Read वन्दी०.

9. Read ०स्थापितं०.

10. Metre उपजातिः.

11. The secondary ० of ण्ड्ये is in the previous line.

12. Read ०भिरा०.

13. Read एव भूमि.

14. Metre डपजातिः.

16. नि पराक्रमपाण्ड्यस्तस्मादभिरा-¹⁵
 17. मप[¹]*]ण्ड्यभूषालात् । सोम-
 18. कुलात्¹⁶ भुतकिर्त्तिमूर्त्तिः पा-
 19. ण्ड्येषु सर्वधम्ममाणां ।[¹ ४*]¹⁷ तसा¹⁸
 20. त्मजोभूदभिरामपाण्ड्यश्चतु-
 21. र्देदिगन्त(त्) प्रथीतोरुकीर्त्तिः¹⁹ । दाना-
 22. न्महीदेववरास्सुराश्च प्रत्य[¹तिथि]-
 23. नश्चत्थगणा बभुवुः ।[¹ ५*]²⁰ दे[वा].

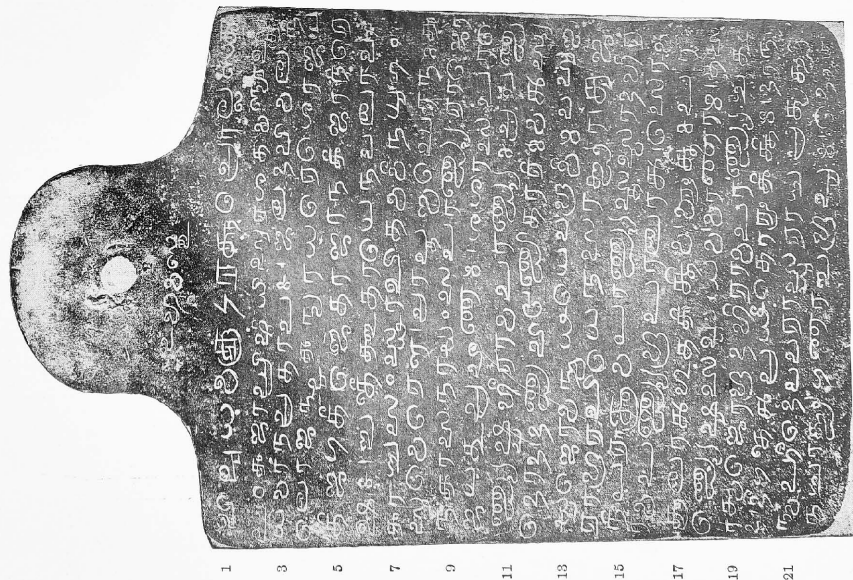
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24. पूर्णहविर्भुजश्च पितरो नीत्यं
 25. स्फघातत्परा²¹(l) लोकास्सत्यप-
 26. रायणाः प्रतिदिनन्नद्यश्च सम्पूरि-
 27. ताः । पातिवृत्यपरास्त्रयः²² क्षिति-
 28. [रु]हस्मैवार्धितास्सत्पलै²³भूपाले²⁴प्व-
 29. [भि]रामपाण्ड्यनृपतौ विश्वमभ
 30. राम विभ्रति ।[¹ ६*]²⁵ अथ कदाजित्²⁶ आहू-
 31. य[विदु]षस्सर्वानभिराममहीपतिः ।
 32. [दा]नं वा पालनं वापि वरं यू-
 33. [यं]वदन्तु मे ।[¹ ७*]²⁷ ते[ब्रु]वन् । पालनं
 34. परमं लोके दानात् पाण्ड्य-
 35. महीपते । दानात् स्वर्गमवा-
 36. प्रोति²⁸ पालनादभ्युतं²⁹ पदम् ।[¹ ८*]³⁰
 37. इति पौराणिकास्सर्वे पा-
 38. लनम् परमं विदुः । अस्मन्मतमिद-

15. The secondary *a* of राम is in the next line.
 16. Read ०द्रुतकीर्त्तिम्मू०.
 17. Metre आर्या.
 18. Read तस्या०. The secondary *a* of सा is the next line.
 19. Read ०प्रथीतो०.
 20. Read ०स्थगणा०. Metre उपजातिः.
 21. Read ०नित्यं स्वधा०.
 22. Read ०व्रत्यपरास्त्रिय ०.

23. Read ०फलैर्मू०.
 24. The letters भूपाले० are engraved below the line.
 25. Metre शार्दूलविकीर्णितम्.
 26. Read कदाचित्.
 27. From आहूय the Metre is श्लोक.
 28. The secondary *e* symbol of प्रो is in the previous line.
 29. द्यु is written like चर.
 30. From पालनं the Metre is श्लोक.

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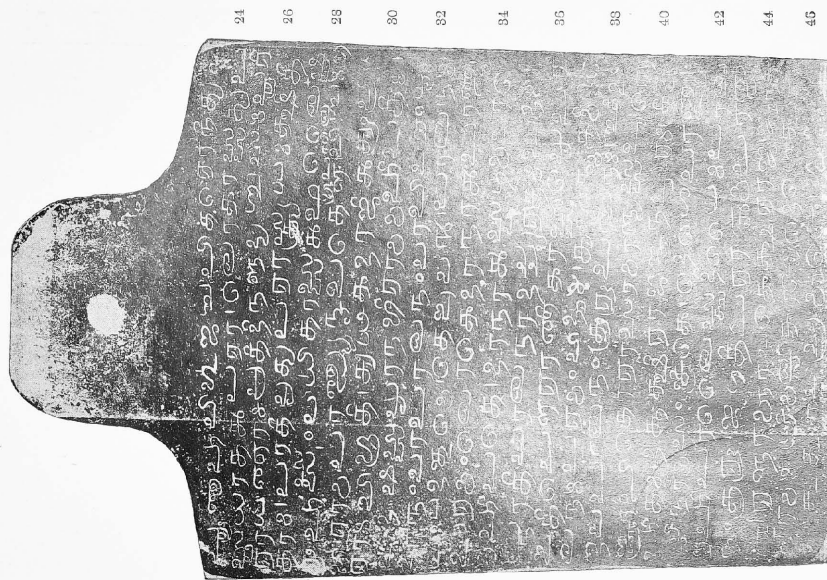
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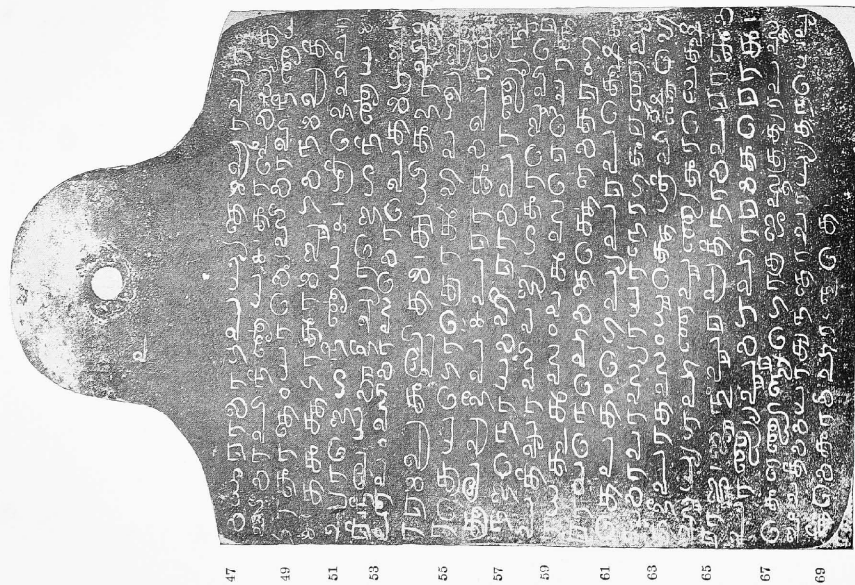


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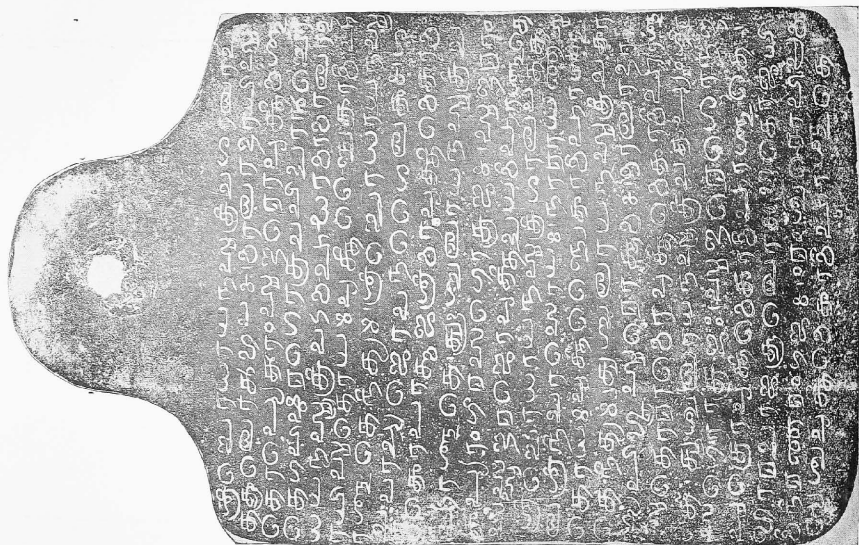
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39. न्देव³¹ पालनं कुरु पावनम् ।[। ९*]³² इति वि
 40. ज्ञापितो रा[जा*]सामान्यस्सपुरोः³³
 41. हितः । दत्तक्षीरार्जुनपुरम्³⁴ श्रीम-
 42. छीनाम³⁵ संन्त्रिके ।[। १०*]³⁶ देशे पाण्ड्य-
 43. महीपालैस्त्वदीयैः पाल-
 44. नं कुरु ।[। ११*]³⁷ जगति पराक्रमपाण्ड्य-
 45. पुरन्नाम्ना चके³⁸ क्षीरार्जुनग्रा³⁹
 46. (I)मम् । श्रीमल्लिकाख्यदेशे त्वक
 47. रं कृत्वा विप्रमुख्येभ्यः[.] ।[। १२*]⁴⁰

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18. मधुरासर्गप[र्य]न्तम् प्राच्याम्
 49. सीमाविनिर्णयः । कालीमद्वयचत-
 50. टाकान्तं याम्ये सीमाविनीर्ण[य]ः ।[। १३*]⁴¹
 51. त(त्)त्तटाकाम्बुगमनम् प्रति⁴²
 52. च्यान्देशनीर्णयः⁴³ श्रीदेविवा-
 53. रिनील⁴⁴ यमुदीच्यान्देशनिर्णयः ।[। १४*]⁴⁵
 54. एवं सीमाममो पेतमग्रहा-⁴⁶
 55. रं प्रकल्पितम् [। १५*]⁴⁷ अत्रि⁴⁸ 49 कदाचिदा-⁵⁰
 56. त्रेयगोत्रोत्⁵¹भवश्चन्द्र-
 57. कुलप्रदीपः पराक्रमपा[ण्ड्य]-
 58. नन्दनोयमभिरामपाण्ड्यन्-
 59. पतिर्वीसिवन्द्यशकाब्दे विरो-⁵²

31. The secondary *e* of देव in the previous line.

32. Metre श्लोक.

33. Read सामान्य०.

34. Read ०जुन०.

35. Read संज्ञके.

36. Metre श्लोक.

37. Metre श्लोक. This is a half verse.

38. Read चके.

39. The secondary *a* of ग्रा is in the next line.

40. Metre, irregular, resembling आर्या.

41. Read ०विनिर्ण०. Metre श्लोक.

42. Read प्रतीच्यां.

43. Read निर्णयः.

44. Read ०निलय०.

45. Metre श्लोक.

46. The secondary *a* of हा is in the previous line.

47. A half श्लोक.

48. Read अथ

49. The letters ०चिदा० are engraved over ०ले०.

50. The secondary *a* of the letter दा is in the next line.

51. Read ०द्वय०.

52. The secondary *a* of the letter रो is in the next line.

60. धृत्संवत्सरे चोत्त-
 61. रायने⁵⁸ हेमन्तर्त्तौ मकरं ग-
 62. ते पतंगेष्वपरपक्षे(त्)
 63. त्वमावास्यायां नागकरणव्य
 64. तदीपात⁵⁴संयुक्ते श्रीविष्णुभे
 65. सूर्य⁵⁵ग्रहणपुण्यकाले क्षी-
 66. रार्जुनु⁵⁶पुरप्रतिनामपराक्रम-
 67. पाण्ड्यपुरमग्रहा⁵⁷रमकरोत्⁵⁸
 68. कौण्डिन्यगोत्रजस्तत्रत्यापस्त⁵⁹
 69. वी च तिम्रय[:*](I)[*] अनन्ताचा[र्य]तनये⁶⁰ वृ-
 70. त्तिमेकामिहाश्नुते ।[१६*]⁶¹

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71. श्रीबोधायनसूत्री च शालाव
 72. तकुलोत्पवः । मालादायिसु-
 73. तोप्येकां सुन्दरो वृत्तिमश्नु-
 74. ते ।[१७*]⁶² गविष्ठरगोत्र च⁶³विद्वान् बो-
 75. ध[I*]यनसूत्री वटमहद्भामा मालादा-⁶⁴
 76. यिसुतोयम् वृत्तिश्चैकामिहा-⁶⁵
 77. श्नुते नित्यम् ।[१८*]⁶⁶ श्रीबोधायनसू-
 78. [वी*] च वाच्यजो वनशैलकः । श-
 79. टकोपात्मज⁶⁷श्रीमा[न्*] वृत्तिमेकामि-
 80. हाश्नुते ।[१९*]⁶⁸ आश्रलायनसुत्री च-⁶⁹
 81. कप्यांगीरसगोत्रजः । सुन्दरां-
 82. स स्सुन्दरजो वृत्तिद्वयमिहाश्नुते ।[२०*]⁷⁰

53. Read ०त्तरायणे.
 54. Read व्यतीपात०.
 55. Read सूर्य०.
 56. Read ०र्जुन०.
 57. र of पुर is engraved below the line.
 58. Prose passage begins from अर्थि in line 55 and end here.
 59. Read ०स्तम्बा०.
 60. Read ०तनयो.
 61. Metre श्लोक.

62. Metre श्लोक.
 63. Read ०गोत्री०.
 64. The secondary a of दा is in the next line.
 65. The secondary a of हा is in the next line.
 66. Metre irregular : resembles आर्यो.
 67. Read शटको पात्मजः.
 68. Metre श्लोक.
 69. Read सूत्री.
 70. Metre श्लोक. The vertical line is at the beginning of the next line.

83. श्रीबोधायनसूत्री⁷¹ शाल[I*]वतकु-
 84. ल श्रीनिवासोयम् । नारायणसु-
 85. तोयम् वृत्तिञ्चैकामिहा[इनु]-
 86. ते नित्यम् । [। २१*]⁷² अ[I*]श्वलायनसूत्रीच⁷³ का-
 87. श्यपी भूसुरोत्तमः । मालादा[यि]
 88. [सु]तो रामो वृत्तिमेकामिहाश्नु-
 89. ते । [। २२*]⁷⁴ [आ]श्वलायनसूत्री च कप्यं[I*] गिर-
 90. सगो(I)व्रजः । सुन्दरेशो नन्द-
 91. पुत्रो वृत्तिमेकामिहाश्नुते । [। २३*]⁷⁵
 92. भारद्वाजकुलोत्भूतो जयि⁷⁶
 93. मिनरिणरंगजः । ईश्वरो विप्र[मु]-
 94. ख्यश्च वृत्तिमेकामिहाश्नुते । [। २४*]⁷⁷

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95. आश्वलायनसूत्री च हरितान्व-⁷⁸
 96. यस्मभवः ।⁷⁹ अनतात्मजरंगेशो⁸⁰
 97. वृत्तिद्वयमिहाश्नुते । [। २५*]⁸¹ आश्वलाय-
 98. नसूत्री च विश्वामित्रकुलोत्भवः
 99. नारायणः कृष्णसुतो वृत्ति-
 100. ⁸²मेकामिहाश्नुते । [। २६*]⁸³ आश्वलायन
 101. सूत्री च काश्यपी तिममयात्मजः ।
 102. अन्नमरस इति श्रीमान् वृत्तिद्वयमिहा⁸⁴
 103. श्नुते । [। २७*]⁸⁵ कौण्डिन्यगोत्रजः
 104. स्तत्रत्यापरस्तम्बी⁸⁶प्यनन्तय [:] ति-
 105. ममयार्थसुतो विद्वान् वृत्तिमे

71. Read ०सूत्री

72. Metre आर्या.

73. Read ०सूत्री०.

74. Metre श्लोक.

75. Metre श्लोक.

76. Read जैमिनी०.

77. Metre श्लोक.

78. The letter न्व looks like अ.

79. Read अनन्ता०.

80. The secondary a of शो is in the next line.

81. Metre श्लोक.

82. The secondary e of मे is in the previous line.

83. Metre श्लोक.

84. The secondary a of हा s in the next line.

85. Metre श्लोक.

86. Read ०व्यप्य०.

106. कामिहाश्नुते । [। २८*]⁸⁷ काश्यपान्व[य]-
 107. सम्भूतः श्रीकात्यायनमूत्रवान् ।⁸⁸
 108. नागयात्मजनृस्यो वृत्तिमेका-
 109. मिहाश्नुते । [। २९*]⁸⁹ कौण्डिन्यान्वय-
 110. सञ्जातः निबोधायनमूत्रवान् ।
 111. कुलशेखरः⁹⁰पत्मजोसौ वृ
 112. त्तिमेकामिहाश्नुते⁹¹ । [। ३०*] आ[श्च]ला-⁹²
 113. यनमूत्री च कश्यपस्य च गोत्र-
 114. जः । वृत्तिमेकां वनाद्रीशपुत्रो-
 115. नारायण⁹³श्रुते । [। ३१*]⁹⁴ आश्वलायन-
 116. सूत्रि च⁹⁵ गामगायनगोत्रजः । सौ-⁹⁶
 117. म्यपुत्रो वैकटेशो वृत्ति
 118. द्वयम्⁹⁷ हाश्नुते⁹⁸ । [। ३२*]

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119. दानपालनयोर्मध्ये
 120. दानात् श्रेयोनुपालन-
 121. म् । दा[ना*]त् सर्गम⁹⁹वामोति पा-
 122. लनादच्च¹⁰⁰तम् पटम्¹⁰¹ । [। ३३*] स्वदत्त[।*]त्
 123. द्वि¹⁰² क्रणम् पण्यम्¹⁰³ परदत्ता-
 124. नुपालनम् [।*] परदत्तापहा-
 125. रेण स्वदत्तम् निष्फलम् भवे-
 126. त्¹⁰⁴ । [। ३४*] म०पु । [। ॥]¹⁰⁵ उदयदिवाकरनामा मु-

87. Metre श्लोक.

88. The vertical line inserted here is in the beginning of the next line.

89. Metre श्लोक.

90. Read पद्म०.

91. Metre श्लोक.

92. The secondary a of ला is at the beginning of the next line.

93. Read ०णोश्नुते.

94. Metre श्लोक.

95. Read सूत्री च.

96. The secondary au of सौ is in the next line.

97. Read ०मिहा०.

98. Metre श्लोक.

99. Read रवर्ग०.

100. Read ०दच्यु०.

101. Read पदम्. Metre श्लोक.

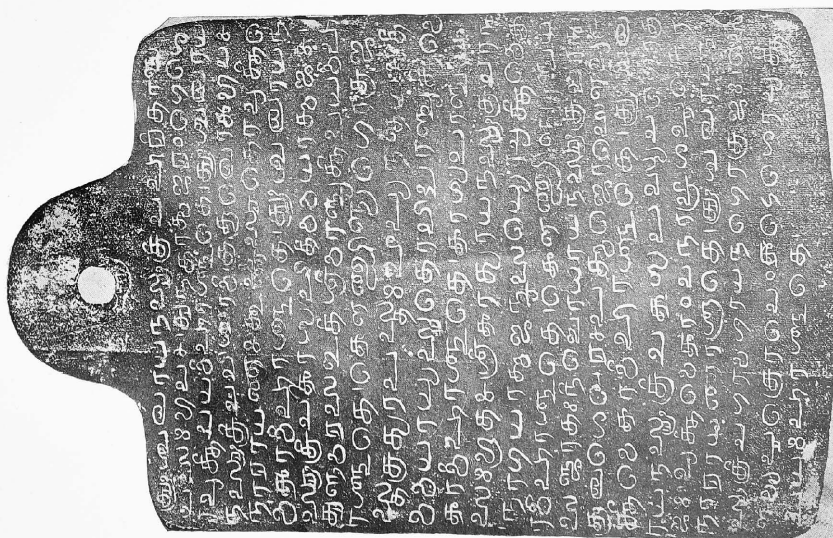
102. Read ०गुणम्.

103. Read पुण्यम्.

104. Metre श्लोक.

105. Written in Tamil characters.

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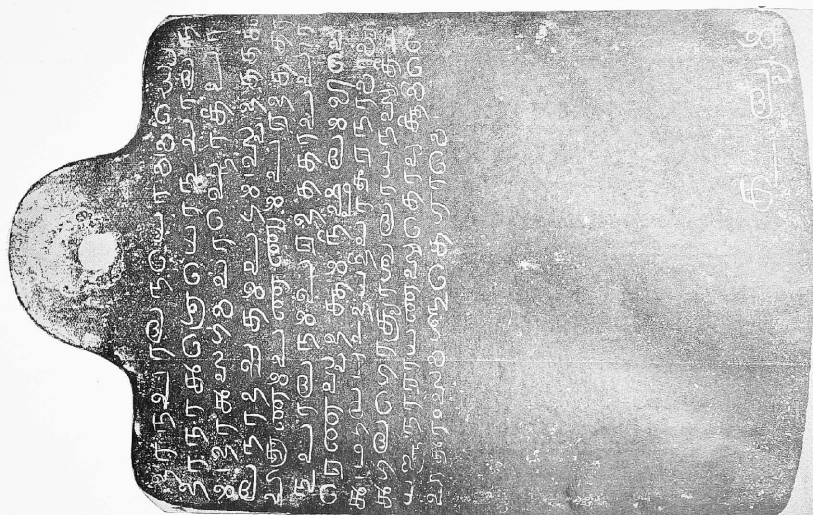


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127. ¹⁰⁶ तृगलगेव्याध्वलायनमूत्री च [1*]
 128. यज्ञनारायण सुतो वृत्तिमिहै¹⁰⁷-
 129. कां समश्नुते ग्रामे¹⁰⁸ । [३९*]
 130. तुल्यम.

Abridged Translation.

May happiness be !

Supreme is this victorious (Rāma) in the world, whose wife is Janaki, who is the lord of the bearer of Jahnu's daughter (Śiva) and of the earth, pure blue in complexion like a cloud, whose lotus-like feet are illuminated by the gems in the diadems of the gods and whose glory is praised by Brahman, Śiva and Indra.

May that able Pāṇḍya king by whom even the clouds were imprisoned, by whom the two fish were set on the holy Mēru, and by whom was obtained a half of the golden seat of Indra, be supreme.

Among the Pāṇḍyas, there ruled over the earth (the king) Abhirāma Pāṇḍya, vanquisher of his foes by the prowess of his stalwart arms, (1) fish-bannered and therefore appearing like the god of love, by whom the appellation, "bearer of wealth," of the earth was rendered significant.

From that king Abhirāma Pāṇḍya was born Parākrāma-Pāṇḍya, of unique fame in the lunar race, the embodiment of all the virtues of the Pāṇḍyas.

His son was Abhirāma Pāṇḍya whose great fame spread to the farthest ends of the four quarters of the globe, and by whose munificence, the best *Brāhmaṇas*, and gods, and even enemies became hosts of mendicants.

While, among kings, king Abhirāma Pāṇḍya was ruling the earth, the gods ate oblations in full, the *manes* were always busy with the funeral offerings (made to them), the people were devoted to truth, the rivers were on all days in flood, women were devoted to chastity and trees abounded in good fruits.

Then, at one time :

Summoning all the wise men, the king Abhirāma (said) : " Tell me whether gift or protection is the better."

They said :

" Protection is better in this world, O Pāṇḍya-king, than gift. By gift, one attains heaven, (but) by protection the imperishable (immortal) state."

" Thus all the men versed in the *purāṇas* have declared protection to be supreme. This, O king, is our view. Render thou protection which is purifying."

Being exhorted as follows, in the company of his ministers and priests : " Do thou protect the town of Kṣhirārjuna in the country named Śrī-Malli, granted by your ancestors, the Pāṇḍya kings," he made the village of Kṣhirārjuna in the country of Śrī-Malli, known in the world by the name of Parākrāma-Pāṇḍya-pura, having granted it free of tax to the chief *Brāhmaṇas*.

The road to Madura was fixed as the boundary on the east. The middle tank of Kālī was fixed as the boundary on the south. The channel of that tank was fixed as the boundary on the west. The tank of Śrī Dēvi was fixed as the boundary on the north. Thus was the *agrahāra*

106. Read मुद्रल०.

108. Metro आय.

107. The secondary *ai* symbols of हे are in this line, and

(1) Literally 'club-like arms'.

है is at the beginning of the next line.

settled with (these) boundaries. Then at one time, this king Abhirāma Pāṇḍya, son of Parākrama Pāṇḍya, born of the Atrēya *gōtra*, the light of the lunar race, made into an *agrahāra* this Parākrama Pāṇḍya-pura otherwise known as Kshirārjunapura, in the Śaka year (1474) denoted by (the chronogram) *Vāṣivandya*, corresponding to the (cyclic) year Virōdhakrit, in the Uttarāyaṇa, in the *hēmana-ritu*, when the sun was in *capricornus*, in the dark fortnight, on a new-moon day combined with *nāga-karaṇa* and *vyatipāta*, (when the moon was) in the constellation of Viṣṇu's star (Śravaṇa), on the auspicious occasion of a solar eclipse.

(Here follows the distribution of shares) :—

| No. | Names of the Donees | Father's Names | Gōtras | Sūtras | Shares |
|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | Timmayya ... | Anantāchārya ... | Kauṇḍinya ... | Āpastambha ... | 1 |
| 2 | Sundara ... | Malādāyi (²) ... | Śālāvata ... | Bōdhāyana ... | 1 |
| 3 | Vaṭamahaddhāmā (³) ... | Malādāyi ... | Gaviṣṭra ... | Do. ... | 1 |
| 4 | Sundarāmsa (⁴) ... | Sundara ... | Kapyāṅgīrasa ... | Āśvalāyana ... | 2 |
| 5 | Vanasailaka ... | Śaṭhakōpa ... | Vāchya ... | Bōdhāyana ... | 1 |
| 6 | Śrinivāsa ... | Nārāyaṇa ... | Śālāvata ... | Do. ... | 1 |
| 7 | Rāma ... | Malādāyi ... | Kāśyapa ... | Āśvalāyana ... | 1 |
| 8 | Sundarēśā ... | Nanda ... | Kapyāṅgīrasa ... | Do. ... | 1 |
| 9 | Īśvara ... | Raṇaraṅga ... | Bhāradvāja ... | Jaimini ... | 1 |
| 10 | Raṅgēśa ... | Ananta ... | Harita ... | Āśvalāyana ... | 2 |
| 11 | Nārāyaṇa ... | Kṛishṇa ... | Viśvāmītra ... | Do. ... | 1 |
| 12 | Annamarasa ... | Timmaya ... | Kāśyapa ... | Do. ... | 2 |
| 13 | Anantaya ... | Timmayārya ... | Kauṇḍinya ... | Āpastambha ... | 1 |
| 14 | Nṛisayya ... | Nāgaya ... | Kāśyapa ... | Kātyāyana ... | 1 |
| 15 | Kulaśekhara ... | Padma ... | Kauṇḍinya ... | Ni-Bōdhāyana (⁵) ... | 1 |
| 16 | Nārāyaṇa ... | Vanādriśa ... | Kāśyapa ... | Āśvalāyana ... | 1 |
| 17 | Veṅkaṭēśa ... | Saunya ... | Gāmagāyana ... | Do. ... | 2 |
| 18 | Udayadivākara ... | Yajñanārāyaṇa ... | Mudgala ... | Do. ... | 1 |
| Total number of shares ... | | | | | 22 |

Here follow the usual imprecatory verses and the word *tulyam* at the end of the plate.

(²) Malādāyi is the same as Tirumāliyaṇḍāṇ, a surname of Periyālvār.

(³) This is the Sanskrit rendering of the Tamil name Vaḍaperuṇ = kōyil = uḍaiyaṇ, the name of the deity a Śrīvilliputtūr.

(⁴) This is the Sanskrit equivalent of Sundarattōḷuḍaiyaṇ, the name of the god of Aḷagarkōyil.

(⁵) Apparently *bōdhāyana*, but the syllable *nī* is necessary for the metre.

NO. X. THE TENKAŚI GOPURAM INSCRIPTION OF THE CORONATION
OF VIRA PAṆDYA.

This inscription consisting of five verses is engraved on the door-post on the north side of the ruined *gopura* in front of the Viṣvanāthasvāmin temple at Tenkāṣi. The first verse says that **Abhirāma** crowned himself under the name of **Vira Pāṇḍya**. The second verse is what is called *kuḍai-maṅgalam* in Tamil literature ; it is the praise of the king's umbrella. The third is *vāḷ-maṅgalam*, the praise of the king's sword. The fourth verse gives the date of the coronation of the king as the **Kali** year 4689. The last verse gives us the name of the poet who composed these verses ; he was Kaliyaṇ-kaviraṇ of Kāṣi (Tenkāṣi). The king mentioned in this record is Varatuṅgarāma. See Ext. 25. in the General Introduction.

Mr. Krishna Śāstri misreading the last verse, states that the king Abhirāma granted the three villages Ānamaṅgalam, Kuḍaimaṅgalam and Vāṇamaṅgalam to Kāṣikkaliyaṇ Kaviraṇ. From a study of Tolkāppiyam, Poruḷ-adigāram, Puṟattinaiyiyal, Sūtra 68 and the commentary thereon, it will become quite patent to any one that these are not the names of villages, as Mr. Śāstri has taken them to be, but praises of the day of coronation, the umbrella and the sword of the king. Again the name of the person whom Mr. Śāstri has taken to be the donee is not Kāṣikkaliyaṇ Kaviraṇ ; it is a compound meaning Kaliyaṇ, a poet of Kāṣi (Tenkāṣi).

Text (1)

1. சீர்கொண்ட செங்கமலை-
2. வாழ்த்திரையாடைப்-
3. பார்கொண்ட வான்-
4. வீரபாண்டிய னென்-
5. நேர்கொண்ட காலுலா-
6. மலைக்கனக மகுடம்
7. புனைந்தான் மானவேலா-
8. னபிராமன் உ [|| 1*] சேனுலவு-
9. வெண்டிங்கட் செல்வ-
10. னெனத்தன்னென்று நீநில-
11. மோரேழுநிழற்றுமே பேணி-
12. வந்து பூவேந்த ரேத்தும்
13. புகழ் வீரபாண்டியனங்-
14. கோவேந்தன் கொற்றக்குடை [|| 2*]
15. பற்றலர் மண் கொள்ளும்
16. பணிந்தார்க்கரசனிக்ஞ-
17. ங்கொற்ற முயர்க்கும் வில்-
18. லவனை வென்றுகொண்ட
19. வீரமாறன் செழியன் வல்ல-
20. மெறிந்தானென்று வாள் உ [|| 3*]

(1) From inked impressions.

21. நண்புற்றெதிர்த்த கலி நாலாயிரத்தது நூற்-
22. நென்பத்தொன்பாணிவிருங்கடல் சூழ்மண்-
23. பெற்று மின்னு மகுடம் புனைந்தான் வேல்-
24. வீரமாறனென மன்னவர் கோமானபிரமன் [|| 4*]
25. கற்றுணர்ந்தோன் காசிக்கலியன் கவிராயன்
26. மற்றடந்தோன் வேல்வீரமாறனுக்குச் சொற்-
27. புனைந்தானுண் மங்கலமுநகிற்று குடை-
28. மங்கலமும் வான்மங்கலமும் வகுத்து [|| 5*] (2)

Translation.

Verse. I. The wielder of the noble spear, **Abhirāma**, wore the superior garland of (forest) flowers and the golden crown under the name of **Vira Pāṇḍya**, who took the ocean-girt earth, in order that the dweller in the red lotus flower (the goddess Lakshmi) of great splendour, might flourish.

V. 2. The victorious umbrella of the king of kings, the famous Vira Pāṇḍya, who is praised by the kings of this earth who desirously come (for this purpose), casts its cool shade on the seven worlds, like the dear white Moon, who wanders in the sky.

V. 3. The sword borne by the Pāṇḍya, Vira-Māraṇ, who conquered the **Villavaṇ** (the Chēra) and fought a battle at **Vallam**, would take away the kingdom of his enemies and restore them to those who bow before him.

V. 4. The king of kings, Abhirāma, having got the earth surrounded by the vast sea, wore the resplendent crown, under the name of Vira Māraṇ, the wielder of the spear, in the auspicious Kali year **four thousand six hundred and eighty-nine**.

V. 5. The learned Kaliyaṇ the poet of Kāsi composed for Vira Māraṇ of strong and broad shoulders, the *nān-maṅgalam*, the praiseworthy *kuḍai-maṅgalam* and *vāṇ-maṅgalam* separately.

* (2). About *nāḷ-maṅgalam*, *kuḍai-maṅgalam* and *vāḷ-maṅgalam*, see *Tolkāppiyam*, *Poruḷadīgāram*, *Puṇattinai-yiyal*, sūtra 68;

"*Kuḍaiyūm vāḷum nāḷ-kōḷaṇṇi ...*" is the sūtra: the commentary on this gives much valuable information. Also compare *Puṇapporul-Vepbāmālai*, *Vaṇjippaḍalam*, sūtras 3-4 and their illustrative verses. Metre of verses 1-5, *வைண்பா*.

NO. XI. DALAVĀY AGRAHĀRAM PLATES OF VARATUṆGARĀMA
PĀṇḌYA, ŚĀKA SAMVAT 1504.

This set of copper plates as also others belong to one Anantāchārya of the Dalavāy-agra-hāram street, Maḍura, and they were kindly secured for me by Mr. Kuppa Rao of Daḍikkombu. From the excellent impressions prepared under the supervision of my friend Mr. M. K. Narāyaṇasāmi Ayyar, B.A., B.L., High Court Vakil, Madras, I now edit them.

In this set of copper plates the legendary genealogy is first begun as usual. Pāṇḍya was the first of the race of kings who went by that name; he engraved the *makara-dhvaja*, which became the family banner in later times, on the mount Mēru. Malayadhvaja is next mentioned; for his sake, Gaṅga (the Ganges) flowed near Vṛṣhāchala (Alagarmalai near Madura). In this lineage was born Sundara Pāṇḍya, who took the crowns of the Chēra and Chōḷa and covered the temple (of Rūḡanātha) at Śrīraṅgam with gold. To this line belonged Ugra. He broke the crown of Indra. Thus far the legendary history. It might be observed that even the historical king Jaṭavarman Sundara Pāṇḍya whose inscription recording the fact of his having covered with gold the central shrine of the Rūḡanātha temple at Śrīraṅgam is engraved in the temple, has become a legendary personality at the time of this record. It is also curious that Ugra the earliest Pāṇḍya is mentioned after Sundara Pāṇḍya.

In the regular pedigree of the later Pāṇḍyas the first to be mentioned is Śrīvallabha who saw the '*tāmra rēkha*' in the sea. The next is Abhirāma Pāṇḍya. His son was Parākrāma Pāṇḍya. This latter had two sons, Guṇarāma and Varatuṅgarāma. The latter is reputed to have made several *dānas* and made gifts to a number of temples.

On Wednesday, the Chaturdaśī of the dark half of the month Māgha in the year Chitra-bhānu, Śāka 1504, expressed by the chronogram '*bhanurmanya*,' the king Varatungarama granted, in the presence of the god Vāmadēva, in the temple of Karamarddēśvara, the village of Muruganēri, to Chandraśēkhara, son of Chokkappa Paṇḍita, a medical doctor.

The names of places mentioned in the inscription are, Muruganēri, Śēṅḡulam, Naḍayanēri, Gōpināthagiri and Śūlālappaṭṭi, and Śēṅḡulīnāḍu. Naḍayanēri and Śēṅḡulam are in the Śrīvilliputtūr Tālūka of the Tinnevely district. The other places are not identifiable.

Text. 1

First Plate: Second Side.

1. हरिः ओम् [॥*] शुभमस्तु [॥*] गोपाये-
2. दनिशञ्जगन्ति कुहनापोत्री प-
3. वित्रीकृतब्रह्माण्डम्^२ प्रलयो^३
4. म्मिघोषगुरुभिध्वोणा^४-
5. रवेर्वृरुरेः । यद्-
6. घ्रां^५कुर कोटिगाढवटनानि-
7. ष्कम्पनित्यस्थिति ब्रह्मस्तम्ब-

1. From impressions supplied by Mr. M. K. Narāyaṇasāmi Ayyar, B.A., B.L.

2. Read ब्रह्माण्ड.

3. The third member of यो is at the beginning of the next line.

4. Read प्रलयोर्मघोषगुरुभिध्वोणारवेः.

5. Read ०घ्रांङ्कुर०.

8. मसौ दसौ भगवती मस्ते.
9. व⁶ विश्वम्भरा⁷ ।[११*]^{7a} श्रियः पतिः पा.
10. तुवराहमूर्त्ती [:*] श्रियन्द्द्विती-
11. यामिव मेदिनीन्ताम् । निजांकमा⁸.
12. रोप्य तया प्रसन्न[:*] श्रियं
13. समग्रा⁹ मनिशन्दद्वजः [॥ २*]¹⁰ हेर-
14. ल्हीला¹¹ वराहस्य दंष्ट्रा-
15. दण्डस्स पातु नः । हेमा-
16. द्विकलशा यत्र धात्रीश्छ¹²
17. त्रश्रियन्दधौ ।[१३*] कल्याणाय-
18. स्तु तद्धाम प्रत्यृहतिमिराप-
19. हम् । यदनुग्रहभाजेदं हरि-
20. णा रक्ष्यते जगत् ।[१४*]¹³ अस्ति प्रश-
21. स्तो भुवने शशीति राजा द्वि-
22. जानामपि चौषधीनाम् [१*]
23. जीवन्ति जीवप्रमुखाभराद्या-
24. स्सुश्रामगाद्यस्य करप्रभा-
25. वात् ।[१५*] (तदन्वते पा)-

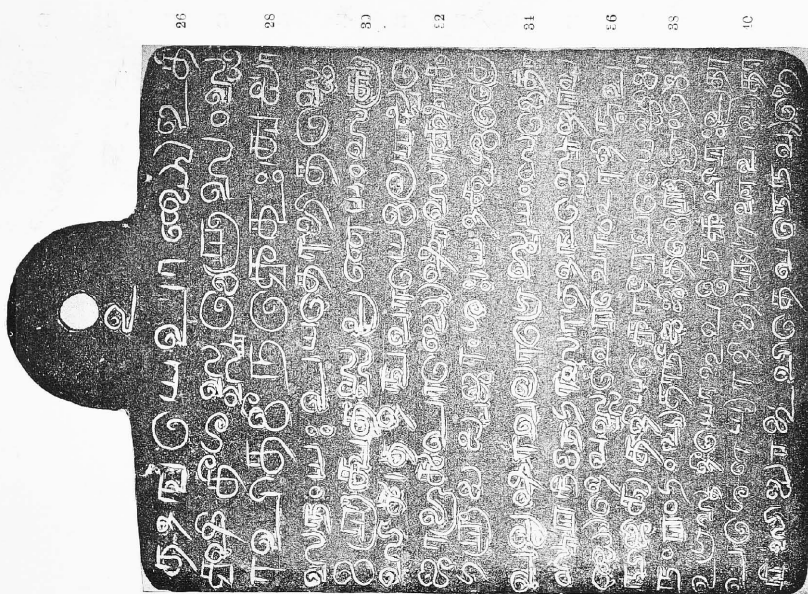
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26. तदन्वये पाण्ड्य इति
27. क्षितीशस्सुमेरुसंस्था¹⁴
28. पितमीनकेतुः । अर्द्धा-
29. सन¹⁵यः पयतो¹⁶भितस्थे
30. मरुत्वतस्सप्रणयं स आ-
31. सीत् ।[१६*] तदन्ववाये मलयध्द-

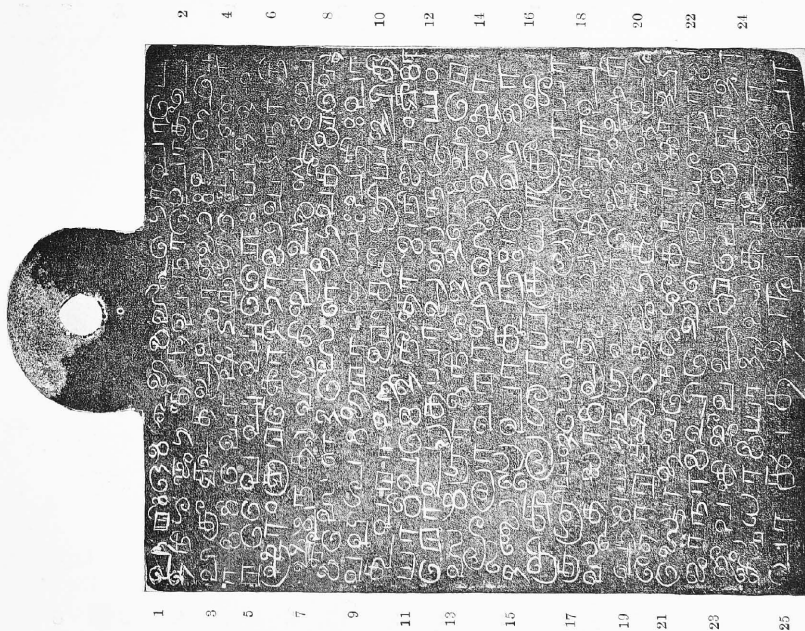
6. Read मुस्तेव.
7. Read विश्वम्भरा.
- 7a. Metre शार्दूलविकीडितम्.
8. Read निजाङ्कमा०.
9. Read समग्रा०.
10. Metre उपेन्द्रवज्रा.

11. Read हरेर्लाला०.
12. Read ०च्छत्र०.
13. Metre of v. v. 3-4. अनुष्टुप्.
14. The secondary a of स्था is at the beginning of the next line.
15. Read अर्धासनं.
16. Read प्रयतो०.

II. a.



I. b.



32. जो¹⁷मूत् पाण्ड्येषु साक्षात्¹⁸
 33. गरुडध्वजांशः ।¹⁹ यदर्थमत्रै²⁰.
 34. व वृषाचलाग्रे स्वयं समेता
 35. सुरनिम्नगा सा ।[७*] तदन्वये²¹ सुन्दरपा-
 36. ण्ड्यदेवस्स चेरचोलादिनृपा-
 37. न्विजित्य । तदीयकोटीरचयैर्विमा-²²
 38. नं रंगं²³ व्यतानीजितमेरुशृंगम्²⁴ ।[८*]
 39. उग्रस्तदीयो भुवनैकवीरः प्रता-
 40. तशौर्यादिभिरुग्र^{24a} एव । व्यता-
 41. रि सिन्धुर्भुवि तेवनेन व्यभे-

Second Plate: Second Side.

42. दि चैन्द्रम मकुटश्च²⁵ येज ।[९*] श्रीवल्लभो²⁶-
 43. नाम भुजापदानाद्यश्री²⁷ वल्लभः पाण्ड्य-
 44. कुलावतंसः ।[१०*] महाम्बुधै शेष-
 45. फणोपनीता व्यलोकि येनादिम-
 46. तामसुरेखा²⁸ ।[१०*] तदन्वये सावभिरा-
 47. मपाण्ड्यः पयोनिधाविन्दुरिवावि-
 48. रासीत् । येनावनी सागरमेखला या
 49. राजन्वती राजकुलाकुलापि ।[११*]²⁹ विक्रमा-
 50. जितभूचक्रविक्रमपराक्रमः । श्री-
 51. पराक्रमपाण्ड्यस्तु तस्माच्चे जनि³⁰
 52. क्रमात् ।[१२*]³¹ तस्यात्मजोमूत्गुणरामना³²-
 53. मा गुणेन रामः[*]स्वगुणाभिरामः ।[१३*]

17. Read मलयध्वजोमूत् second and the third member of जो are at the beginning of this line.

18. Read द्रुड०.

19. Read ध्वजांशः.

20. Read यदर्थ०.

21. The consonant *y* of *ye* is engraved below.

22. Read रङ्ग०.

23. Read न्येर्विमान०.

24. Read शृङ्गम्.

24a. Read नपशौर्या०.

25. Read ०न्द्रं मकुटं च.

26. The third member of भो is at beginning of the next line.

27. Read ०च्छ्री०.

28. Read ०तामरेखा.

29. Metre vv. 5-11, उपजातिः.

30. The anusvara is at the beginning of the next line.

31. Metre अनृष्टृप्.

32. The secondary *a* symbol of ना is at the beginning of the next line.

54. दानैर्विनिर्जित्य नृगादिकृष्णां श्रकार
 55. यश्चाधिकमग्रहारान् ।[। १३*] तस्यानुजो भू-
 56. द्वरतुंग³³ रामः प्राज्ञेषु साक्षा-
 57. द्वरतुंगराम³⁴:[।*] सत्यव्रताभ्याम्³⁵भुवि
 58. धर्मराजः कविप्रबन्धेष्वपि भो-
 59. जराजः ।[। १८*] राजाधिराजो भुवनेकरा-
 60. जश्च³⁶ तुर्दिगन्तावनतावनताधिराजः । गुणे-
 61. नरामोपि वलेन³⁷रामः प्रजृ³⁸-
 62. म्भतेसौ वरतुंग³⁹रामः ।[। १९*]⁴⁰ करिरत्न-
 63. नामनगरे नगावृते करमर्दना⁴¹-
 64. थमणिसत्स⁴²भासुरे ।

Third Plate: First Side.

65. नवरत्नपीठमधिरुह्य सन्त-
 66. ते वरतुंगराम⁴³नृपतिर्वि⁴⁴-
 67. जृम्भते ।[। १६*]⁴⁵ श्रीमत्कन्याकुलमां[य्या⁴⁶]-
 68. ममलयगिरिलसत् पाप-
 69. नाशे विकृटे सतावुक्षो-
 70. चलेन्द्रे रजतदसि यः
 71. कुंभघोणे च रंगे । शो-
 72. णाद्रो चित्रकृटे करिगि-
 73. रिशिखरे वेंकटा⁴⁷द्रो म-
 74. हाद्रौ(।) ब्रह्माण्डदीनि दा-
 75. नान्यतनुत नितरामग्रहारान-
 76. नेकान् ।[। १७*] जय जीव प्रमोदति

33. Read ०द्वरतुङ्गरामः.

34. Do.

35. Read सत्यव्रताभ्यां.

36. Read ०दिगन्ता०.

37. Read वलेन.

38. Read प्रजृम्भते.

39. Read ०तुङ्ग०.

40. Metre, of vv. 12-15, उपजातिः.

41. Read करमर्दना०.

42. Read सद्य.

43. Read ०तुङ्ग०.

44. Read नृपतिर्वि०.

45. Metre, मञ्जुभाषिणी.

46. Read कन्यकुमार्यां मलय०.

47. Read वेङ्कटाद्रौ.

48. Metre, स्रग्धरा.

77. पालयस्व⁴⁹ विलोकय । इति सा-
 78. मन्तपूपालै स्तव्यमानो
 79. हि वद्धेते । [। १८*]⁵⁰ भानुर्मन्ये⁵¹ शका-⁵²
 80. व्दे तु चित्रभानोश्च वत्स-
 81. रे । उत्तरानणमंशाभि-
 82. शैशि रत्तीववापहे⁵³ । [। १९*] मधि-
 83. कृष्णचतुर्द⁵⁴श्यां श्रवणे
 84. बुधवासरे । भद्राकरणम-
 85. द्रे स्मिन् सिद्धियोगे च मि.
 86. द्विदे । [। २०*] शिवरात्रिमहापुण्य.

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87. काले पुण्य विवद्धेने⁵⁵ । करन्दि
 88. नगरेरम्ये कर्मर्द⁵⁶निवासिनः [॥ २१*]
 89. वामदेवस्य देवस्य मुखलिङ्ग-⁵⁷
 90. स्य सन्निधौ श्रीमत्काश्यप-
 91. गोत्राय श्रीबोधायनमूत्रिणे⁵⁸ । [। २२*]
 92. यजुश्शाखावते वैद्य-
 93. शास्त्रतत्त्वार्थ⁵⁹ वेदिने । पाण्डि-
 94. तोत्तमचोक्कप्प तनुजाय म.
 95. हौजसे । [। २३*] चन्द्रशेखर ना-
 96. म्ने⁶⁰ स्मै भिषजे भिषजां
 97. सते । पाण्ड्योदशे महारम्ये पु-
 98. ण्ये पुण्यविवद्धेने⁶¹ । [। २४*] श्रीमच्चंक्रु-
 99. डिनाडुक्त पुनुक्कोट्टस्य सीम-

49. The consonant *ya* in पालय is engraved below the line.

50. Read वद्धेते.

51. Read. भानुर्मन्ये.

52. The secondary *a* of का is at the beginning of the next line.

53. Read ०शैशिरर्ता०.

54. Read चतुर्दश्या.

55. Read विवर्धने.

56. Read कर्मर्दनिवासिनः.

57. Read ०लिङ्गस्य.

58. The second member *na* of णे begins the next line.

59. Read तत्त्वार्थ.

60. The letter *ma* of म्ने begins this line.

61. Read विवर्धने.

100. नी⁶² । मुरुकनेरीति विख्यातन्नाम्ना⁶³
 101. सर्वज्ञ शोभनम् ।[। २९*] प्राच्यावै
 102. शेंकुळग्रामसीमायाः पश्चिमन्ततः
 103. नडयनेरि तटाकस्य सीमाया अभि⁶⁴
 104. चोत्तरम् ।[। २६*] गोपिथनागिरे⁶⁵ स्सानोः⁶⁶
 105. प्राचीभागे प्रकल्पितम् । शला-
 106. लपट्टिमोदकयोर्दक्षिणम्⁶⁷
 107. परिकीर्तितम्⁶⁸ ।[। २७*] एवमेवम्⁶⁹ प्रका-
 108. रेण चतुस्सीमा समन्वितम् । (वि)
 109. वरतुंग⁷⁰ महीपालपुरन्ता-
 110. म्ना प्रकल्पितम् ।[। २८*] सर्वमान्य⁷¹श्चतुस्सी-
 111. मासंयुतश्च समन्तत [ः*] । निधिनिक्षेप-
 112. पाषाणमिद्धसाद्धच⁷² जलान्वितम् [॥ २९*]
 113. अक्षिण्यागामि संयुक्तं गणभोज्यं
 114. सभूरुहम् । वापीकूपतटाकैश्च
 115. कच्छेनापि⁷³ समन्वितम् ।[। ३०*] पुत्रपौत्रा-
 116. दिभिर्भोज्यं क्रमादाचन्द्रतारकम् । दा-
 117. नस्याहि⁷⁴ मतस्यापि विक्रयस्यामि⁷⁵ चो-
 118. दितम् ।[। ३१*] परितः⁷⁶ प्रयतै⁷⁷ स्निग्धैः पु-
 119. रोहित पुरोगमैः । विविधै-
 120. र्वि⁷⁸ बुधै श्रोतपथिकैरथि-⁷⁹
 121. कैर्गिरा ।[। ३२*] राजानुमत्या तत् सर्व्वन्द्वौ-

62. Read सीमनि.

63. Read विख्यातं नाम्ना.

64. Read अपि०.

65. Read गोपीनाथ०.

66. The first two symbols of नौ are in this line and secondary a symbol and the visarga are in the next line.

67. Read ०योर्दक्षिणं.

68. Read ०कीर्तितम्.

69. Read एवमेव.

70. Read वरतुङ्ग.

71. Read सर्व०.

72. Read साध्य.

73. Read कच्छेनापि.

74. This letter हि appears to have been corrected into मि which is what is wanted.

75. Read विक्रयःपिचोचितम्.

76. Read परीतः.

77. Read प्रयतैः.

78. Read ०र्विबुधैः.

79. Read ०रविर्कैर्गिरा.

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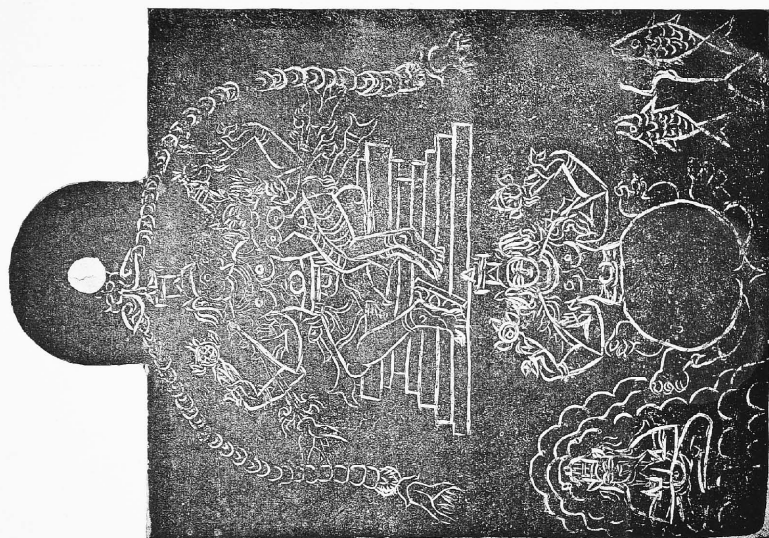
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122. भागाविति कीर्त्तितम् ।[। ३३*] वरतुंगमहीपालः⁸⁰
 123. श्रीमान् पाण्ड्यकुलोत्तमः ।[। ३४*] सहि-
 124. रण्य पयोधारापूर्व⁸¹ कन्दत्तवा.
 125. न्मुदा । तत् प्रातिग्रहलब्धन्त[मग्रहा⁸² र]मनुत्तमम् ।[। ३५*]
 126. चन्द्रशेखरवैद्यस्तु वैद्याना.
 127. न्तु शिखाम⁸³ णीः ।[*] तत्⁸⁴ ग्रामेचोत्तरे-
 128. भागे पञ्चैयुक्तम्⁸⁵ शि⁸⁶कुलम् ।[। ३६*]
 129. मधुरापुरनाथाय चोक्कना-
 130. थाय दत्तवान् । तच्छे⁸⁶ षम् मुरु-
 131. ⁸⁷गनेरिञ्चतुस्सिमा समन्वितम् ।[। ३७*] स
 132. मस्त प्राप्ति संयुक्तन्तटाक स-⁸⁸
 133. लिलादिकम् । त्रिधा विभज्य तं ग्रामं⁸⁹

Fourth Plate: Second Side.

134. वरतुंग⁹⁰ महापुरम् ।[। ३७*] त्रिषु तेषु तथा⁹¹
 135. शेषुद्रावशावात्मने स्थितौ ।[*]
 136. त्रितीयमंश⁹² संकल्प्य⁹³ तत्र भागान्-
 137. छशतुर्दश⁹⁴ ।[। ३८*] ता[न्] भागान् क्रमशः प्रादा-
 138. त्तानागोत्रद्विजन्मनाम् । ग्रामो यं
 139. सर्वमान्येन⁹⁵ वर्द्धतामभिवर्द्धताम्⁹⁶ ।[। ३९*] आ-
 140. चन्द्रतारकं स्थेयादवनीसुर भासु-
 141. रः । ग्रामो यं सर्वमान्येन⁹⁷ धर्म-⁹⁸
 142. ज्ञैः परिपालयताम् ।[। ४०*]⁹⁹ मामान्यो यन्ध-

80. Read वरतुङ्ग०. The visarga of पालः is at the beginning of the next line.

81. Read पूर्वके.

82. The letters मग्रहार are engraved below the line.

83. Read शिखामणिः.

84. Read तद्ग्रामे.

85. Read युक्तं.

86. Read तच्छेषं.

87. This letter is, in the original, the Tamil consonant क, but for euphony it is transcribed as ग.

88. Immediately following स are two vertical strokes which are unnecessary.

89. The anusvara is at the beginning of the next line.

90. Read वरतुङ्ग.

91. The secondary a and anusvara of थां are in the next line.

92. Read तृती०.

93. Read संकल्प्य.

94. Read भागांश्चतुर्दश.

95. Read वर्धतां.

96. Do.

97. Read सर्व.

98. Read धर्म. The two secondary ai symbols of ज्ञैः are in this line and न्ध are in the next line.

99. Metre of vv. 18-40, अनुष्टुप्.

143. भ्रमेसेतुवृषाणां¹⁰⁰ काले काले
 144. पालनीयो भवत्भिः¹⁰¹ । सर्वानेता¹⁰²-
 145. न् भाविनः पार्थिवेन्द्रान्¹⁰³ भूयो भू-
 146. यो याचते रामचन्द्रः ।[४१*]¹⁰⁴ मद्रंशजाः
 147. परमहीपति वंशजा वा ये भूमिवा-
 148. स्सततमुज्ज्वलधम्मोचर्त्ताः¹⁰⁵[1*] मद्धमर्ममे-¹⁰⁶
 149. व परिपालनमाचारन्ति तत् पादुका
 150. द्रयमहं शिरसा वहामि ।[४२*]¹⁰⁷ नानादेश-
 151. महीशकेरळ महाचेलेन्द्र क-
 152. र्णाटक प्रोद्यन्माद्र कळिग वंक¹⁰⁸ तु-
 153. क्ख क्षोणीश वाणीनुतम् । आचन्द्रा-¹⁰⁹
 154. क्कमनन्त पुण्यानिलयं रक्षन्तु¹¹⁰
 155. लक्ष्मी प्रदञ्जीयात्तद्वरतुंगरामनुप-¹¹¹
 156. तेरव्याहतं शामनम् ।[४३*]¹¹² वरतुंग-¹¹³
 157. महीपालशामनात्तन्नाशामनम् ।
 158. श्रीमान् नारायणो धीमान्
 159. वभाण मृदुलैः पदैः[] [४४]^{114 & 115}

100. Read भ्रमेसेतुवृषाणां.
 101. Read भवद्भिः.
 102. Read सर्वा०.
 103. Read पार्थिव०.
 104. Metre शालिनी.
 105. Read धर्म.
 106. Read मद्धमं. The secondary *e* symbol of मे is in this line and म the next line.
 107. Metre, वसन्ततिलकम्.
 108. Read कालङ्ग and वह.
 109. The secondary *a* of द्वा is in the next line. Read आचन्द्रार्क.
 110. Read रक्षन्तु.
 111. Read नुतुङ्ग०.
 112. Metre of v. 43, शार्दूलविक्रीडितम्.

113. Read वरतुङ्ग.
 114. Metre, अनुष्टुप्.
 115. On the first side of the fifth plate are the following figures :—
 1. Varahasyami with Lakshmi seated on a pedestal underneath a flower wreath which is secured at the top in the mouth of a mythical lion.
 2. Below No. 1, is Vishnu's Kurmavatara (tortoise).
 3. On the proper right of No. 2, is the figure of Agastya, the patron saint of the Pandyas, seated under a canopy on the Malaya mountain.
 4. On the proper left of No. 2, is the family crest of the Pandyas, consisting of two carps with, between them, a crook fixed in a stand.

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

- Vv. 1—3. Invocation to Varāhamūrtti.
 V. 4. Do. to Parañjōti.
 V 5. Praises of Chandra, (the moon).
 V. 6. In the lunar race was born a king named Pāṇḍya : He set his *makara-dhvaja* on the mountain Mēru and wrested from Indra one-half of the seat on his throne.
 V.7. In this family was born Malayadhvaja. He is considered to be an *amsa* of Viṣṇu. For his sake the Gaṅga (Ganges) is said to have flown near the Vṛishāchala mountain.
 V.8. In his lineage was born Sundara Pāṇḍya who taking the crown of the Chēra and Chōla, covered the *vimāna* of the temple (of Raṅganātha) at Śrīraṅgam with gold. (1)
 V. 9. To this line belonged Ugra. He broke the crown of Indra. (2)
 V. 10. A Śrīvallabha is next mentioned as having seen '*tāmra-rēkha*' in the sea.
 V. 11. In the family to which this king belonged was born Abhirāma Pāṇḍya.
 Vv. 12—18. His son was Parākrama Pāṇḍya : his son was Guṇarāma ; he is said to be a good man and is described as having set up a number of *agraharās*. Guṇarāma's younger brother was **Varatungarāma**. He was ruling the kingdom with **Kariratnanagara** and his capital, in which was the god Karamarddanāthasvāmin. He performed several *dānas* beginning with Brahmāṇḍa, in the following places :—Kanyākumāri ; Pāpanāsa, in the Malayagiri, Triakūṭa, Setu, Vṛishāchala, Rajatasadas, Kumbhaghōṇam, Raṅgam, Śōṇātri, Chitrakūṭam, Hastigiri and Veṅkaṭātri. His praises.

Vv. 19—28. On a Wednesday, the Chaturdaśi of the dark fortnight of the month Māgha of the year Chitrabhānu, in the Uttarāyana, Śāsi-ritu, in the Sravana nakshatra, Bhadra-karāṇa and Siddhiyōga, on the auspicious day of Śivarātri, the king Varatungarāma granted, in the presence of Vāmadēva, represented by a Mukhalinga, in the temple of Karamarddanāthasvāmin, to Chandrasekhara, son of Chokkappa Paṇḍita, of the Kāśyapa gōtra, Bōdhayana sūtra and Yajussākha, the village of Murganēri in the Pudukkōttai *simai* of the Seṅguḍi-naḍu. The donee was a medical doctor. The Śaka year in which this grant was made is 1504, expressed by the chronogram **Bhānurmānya**.

The boundaries of the village granted are :—

On the east, Seṅguḷam.

On the south, Naḍayanēri.

On the west, Gōpivāthagiri and

On the north, Śālālapaṭṭi and the Mōdaka-sima (?).

Vv. 29—32. Give the privileges accompanying the grant.

Vv. 33—38. It was granted by the king into two parts. The donee gave away the northern half called Śirukūḷam to Chokkanātha, the god of Maṭhurāpura. The other half, Murganēri, was divided into three parts, of which the donee took two for himself and divided the third into 14 shares and granted it to Brāhmaṇas of various gōtras.

Vv. 39—42. The usual imprecatory verses.

V. 43. Wishes permanency to the grant.

V. 44. Nārāyaṇa was the composer of this śāsana.

(1) This is one of the later Pāṇḍyas and he was called Jaṭavarman Sundara Pāṇḍya, who extended his conquests as far as Cuttack and from the spoils of war covered the central shrine &c., of the Raṅganāthasvāmin temple at Śrīraṅgam with gold. He lived in the 13th century. His inscription recording the covering with gold of the central shrine of the Raṅganāthasvāmin temple is engraved on the east wall of the first *prākāra* of the same temple and edited by Dr. Hultzsch in *Ep. Ind.* Vol. III, pp. 7—17.

(2) Ugra one of the earliest Pāṇḍyas is mentioned next to Jaṭavarman Sundara Pāṇḍyas. Compare, “உரன்—
 நிகிரியெறித் தித்திரன் போர் சாயமுடிந்து சயம்போற்றி” போற்றிக்கவிவெண்பா, II. 37—38.

NO. XII. DALAVAY AGRAHARAM PLATES OF VARATUNGARAMA
PĀṇḌYA, ŚAKA SAMVAT 1510.

As usual with the copper plates of the later Pāṇḍyas, this one also begins with the legendary geneology, in which the eponym is said to be Pāṇḍya. The *kula-guru* of the family was Agastya. Sundarēsa married the daughter of the Pāṇḍya king and came to Madura and took his abode in the temple with his consort Minākshi. To these was born Ugra Pāṇḍya. In the regular historical geneology which follows the legendary one, a Parākrama Pāṇḍya is said to have been born and to have fought with the king of Kēraḷa. He is also described as the builder of the Viśvanāthasvāmin temple at Dakṣiṇa Kāsi. In the Pāṇḍya family was born a king named Abhirāma Parākrama Pāṇḍya; his son was Parākrama Pāṇḍya who had two sons, Guṇarāma and Varatuṅgarāma *alias* Vira Pāṇḍya. The latter went by the several names **Abhirāma Sundarvēśa Varatuṅgarāma, Vira Pāṇḍya**. The later Pāṇḍyas all claim to belong to the Ātrēya gōtra because they trace their descent from Atri; Varatuṅgarāma also calls himself an Ātrēya gōtraja. In this document the king is said to have been born in the Pushya nakṣatra, whereas in No. XIII, edited below, it is stated that he was born in the Dhanishṭha nakṣatra. On the 30th of the month Āṣāḍha of the year Sarvadharin, **Śaka 1510** the king **Vira Pāṇḍya** granted the village of Śilārippaṭṭi to Gōvinda-bhaṭṭa, son of Uḍayam-bhaṭṭa.

The king Parākrama Pāṇḍya who is said to have fought with the Kēraḷa king and to have built the temple of Viśvanātha, is Arikēsari Parākrama.

The following are the names of places that occur in this inscription:—Śilārippaṭṭi, Tiṇaimār-Pudukkōṭṭai, Nallamāttūr, Veḷamban-vishayam, Murugaṇēri, Śeṅguḷam and Narikkūḍi-vishayam. Of these Narikkūḍi appears to be the same as Nadikkūḍi; this and Pudukkōṭṭai and Śeṅguḷam are in the Śrīvilliputtūr talūka of the Tinnevely district. The other places I am not able to identify.

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First Plate: First Side.

1. स्वस्ति श्री÷^{1a} [॥*] गण्डप्रोत्²गतदा-
2. नवारिविलसत्³ गन्धप्रवाहागतप्रे-⁴
3. खत् स्वर्द्रुम भृङ्गङ्गकृतिमिळत्-⁵
4. गर्ज्जारवोन्मिश्रैतः । इक्ष्वम्-
5. मोधितरंग घोषपट्टैरुत्-
6. सारयन् सेविनां विघ्नान्निघ्नतरं
7. क्षणेन विपदां विघ्नेश्वरः पा-

1. From impressions supplied by Mr. M. Narayana-sami Ayyar, B.A., B.L., Madras.

1a. The *visarga* symbol in this document is written like the arithmetical symbol for division, thus: ÷.

2. Read ०प्रोद्०.

3. Read ०द्रुव०.

4. The secondary ० of प्रे alone is at the end of this line.

5. Read ०भृङ्गङ्गकृतिमिळ०.

8. तु वः ।[१*] लक्ष्मीवल्लभनाभिजन्मनलिनं⁷
9. यस्थोचिता जन्मभूस्संकल्पस्सचाराच-
10. रञ्जगदिदं वाणीच साक्षात्रय्यी । आकल्पः कल-
11. शी जटाः कमलिनी बीजावली वलकलञ्जोतिः पु-
12. प्यतु विष्वगाननमिदम् भद्राणि भूयांसि वः ।[२*] शे-
13. पोरस्थलशायि दारितमहानीलाश्वरश्मिच्छशवि⁸ क्षी-
14. [रो]द प्रतिविम्बिताम्वरतल श्रीहारि यद्राज-
15. ते । स्वेच्छशा⁹मात्रविकल्पितत्रिभुवनस्थने-
16. पसर्गोदयन्तेजस्तद¹⁰द्युमणीन्दुनेत्रमनिशम्भ-
17. द्राणि पुष्पातुवः ।[३*] धत्ते यस्य जटाकलापकलि-
18. तो रेखामयश्चन्द्रमा दुग्धाम्भोधिविरू-
19. ढ विद्रुमवनव्या¹¹ संगिहंसश्रियम् । पृथ्वीवा-
20. रिहुताशहोतृहिमरु[क्]¹² भास्वद्वियन्मारुतस्वा-
21. त्माधीनचरचरास्थितिरसौ शर्व्वशिशवायास्तु-
22. वः ।[४*]¹³ आदावाद्यस्व पुंसो मुनिरजनजग-
23. त्कारणन्नाभि पत्मादेत¹⁴ स्मादत्रिताम त्रिभु-
24. वनमहितञ्ज्योतिराविवभूव । जन्म प्रापात्रिने-
25. त्रात्रि पुरहरशिरश्शेखरश्शीतरश्मिस्तेज-
26. स्त्रैलो¹⁵ कचरक्षाव्यसनिहिमरुचः पाण्ड्य-
27. नामाविरासीत् ।[५]¹⁶ आस्वादितोत्¹⁷ गीर्णमहाम्भ-
28. बुराशिः पादाग्रविन्यासनिमग्नविन्ध्यः [१*] वा
29. तापिदाहोज्वलजाटराशिः कुम्भोत्भ-¹⁸
30. वो यस्य मुनिः पुरोधाः ।[६*]¹⁹ क्षितितलशिवलो-²⁰
31. के गृण्हतायेन पाणिम् भव[ह]ति तनुजायां

6. Read तरङ्ग०.

7. The *anusvara* of नं is at the beginning of the next line.

8. Read ०च्छवि०

9. Read स्वेच्छा०.

10. Read ०तद्युमणी०.

11. Read ०सङ्गि०.

12. Read ०हिमरुम्भा०.

13. Metre of vv. 1-4, शार्दूलवर्कडितम्.

14. Read पद्मा०.

15. The two secondary *e* symbols belonging खे are at the end of the last line.

16. Metre स्रग्धरा.

17. Read ०द्वीत०.

18. Read ०द्रव०.

19. Metre इन्द्रवज्रा.

20. The secondary *e* of the letter लो is only half formed.

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32. पाण्ड्यभूपालकस्य । समजनि कुलम्-
 33. चैस्सम्पदा चाभिवृद्धा स जयति शशिमौ-
 34. लिस्सौन्दरेशाभिधानः ।[। ७ *]²¹ तस्मादुग्रोजनिष्ट
 35. क्षितिपति तिलको दातुमादायमेरोरस्थिभ्यः[.]²²
 36. स्वर्णमण्यो निधिजलमनलम्यत्पदाशिष्टपं²³-
 37. कम् । इत्येवं येन सो यं किल निजमकरी मु-
 38. द्रया मुद्रितो भूचक्रप्रोत्²⁴भित्तशक्रस्फुर-
 39. दुरुमकुटस्थयातविक्रान्ति भाजा ।[। < *]²⁵ ततः क्षिती
 40. शा भुवि तत् प्रतापायशस्समुत्सारि[त]या²⁶
 41. [तु]धानाः । आलंकमाद्रीन्द्रमलंघिताज्ञाः²⁷ कृ-
 42. ताश्चमेधाः कृतिनो भवूवुः ।[। ९ *]²⁸ अजनि परा-
 43. क्रमपाण्ड्यः पाण्ड्यकुलरामपारिजात-
 44. श्रीः । यः केरळावनीन्द्रांश्चम्पकवनना-
 45. थशासनादजयत् ।[। १० *] स्वप्ने स्वालयकूप्यै
 46. विरचितरूपेण विश्वनाथेन । दत्तानुग्र-
 47. हशाली दक्षिणकाशीति यः पुरीमकरो-
 48. त् ।[। ११ *]²⁹ अजनिष्ट तदन्वयवारिनिधावभिरा-
 49. मपराक्रमपाण्ड्यशशी । युधि³⁰ यत्करवाल-
 50. लता महसा परभूपतमांसि भिनत्तितराम् ।[। १२ *]³¹
 51. तस्यात्मजस्तरणिमण्डल तुल्यतेजाः पा-
 52. ता भुवो जनि पराक्रमपाण्ड्यदेवः । यस्या³²
 53. ननेन्दुमवलोक्य जयेन्दिरा [या] श्वित्रम्मुखा-
 54. म्बुजमभूदनिशम् प्रकुलम् ।[। १३ *] तस्मात्त्वभूव³³ गु-
 55. णरामधरावलारिस्थस्य प्रतापतराणिर्ज-
 56. न विस्मयाय । वैरिक्षितीशकरवारिजयुग्म-

21. Metre मालिनी

22. Read ऋष्ट०.

23. Read ०द्वि०.

24. Metre छग्धार.

25. The letter त is engraved below the line.

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27. Metre उपजातिः.

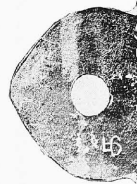
28. Metre of vv. 10-11, आर्या.

29. Read युधि.

30. Metre तोटकम्.

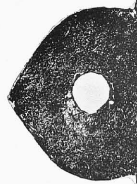
31. The secondary a symbol of या is in the next line.

32. Read ०द्वभूव.

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57. पंक्तिमुमुञ्चछिः³³ लीमुखततिमुमुकुळीकरोति ।[। १४*]
 58. तस्यनुजो विजयते तरुणेन्दुचूड-
 59. पादारविन्दपरिभूषितमौलिदेशः । सं-
 60. वाहितांघ्रि³⁴ कमलस्सकलारिभूषैश्श्रीवीर-
 61. पाण्ड्यनृपतिश्चित् पारिजातः ।[। २९*]³⁵ वक्षस्य-
 62. म्भुजलोचनस्य वसति श्रौरेकिका
 63. भान्ति यत् कोटारे चतुरर्णवान्तवि-
 64. जयप्राप्ताश्च ह्रिश्चयः । नाभीपंक-³⁶
 65. [जकमै]व कुरुते ब्रह्मप्रतिष्ठा[वि]-³⁷

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66. धिं यत्पाण्यम्बुजमातनोति बहु-
 67. धा ब्रह्मप्रतिष्ठां क्षितौ ।[। १६*]³³ वीरश्रियस्स-
 68. मरसीम्नि विचित्ररूपकृतं यदीयकर-
 69. वाळमुग्धे निरीक्ष्य । सर्व्वं वितीर्य्य व-
 70. सुभिस्सह राज्यमस्यै वन्याम³⁹ । [प्र*]यन्ति विम-
 71. ता वनितासहायाः ।[। १७*]⁴⁰ ॐ स्वस्ति श्रीम-
 72. चन्द्रकुलप्रदीपस्य यशोनिधेः ।
 73. भुवनैकांगवीरस्य मधुरापुरवज्रि-
 74. णः ।[। १८*] जयन्तमंग⁴¹ लपुरवराधीशस्य श्रीम-
 75. तः । क्षेमासुरनुसिंहस्य केरळे-
 76. न्द्रतमोरवेः ।[। १४*] चोळभूपाल पाथो-
 77. धि वडवानलवर्चसः । साहित्य सार्व्वभौ-
 78. मस्य देवब्राह्मणपालिनः ।[। २०*] समेयुषस्त्रिभु-
 79. [व*]नचक्रवर्त्तीति नामकम् । कोनेर्मैकोण्ड-
 80. धीरस्य श्रीगोजटिलवर्मणः ।[। २१*]⁴² अभिरामसु-
 81. न्दरेश्वरनाम्नो वरतुंग⁴³ रामधरणी-

33. Read पङ्क्तिमुञ्चछिः.

34. Read ०ताङ्गि०.

35. Metre of vv. 13-15, वसन्ततिलकम्.

36. Read नाभीपङ्कजमेकमेव.

37. Read प्रतिष्ठा०.

38. Metre, ह्रग्धरा.

39. Read वन्याम्. The secondary a of न्या is engraved below this line.

40. Metre, वसन्ततिलकम्.

41. Read ०मङ्गळ.

42. Metre of vv. 11-21, अनुष्टुप्.

43. Read ०तुङ्ग०.

82. न्दोः । श्रीवीरपाण्ड्यदेवक्षितिपस्य स-
 83. माहिताभिषेकस्य ।[। २२*] मम वत्सरे द्विती-
 84. ये प्रवर्तमाने समयुषि शकाब्दे । स-
 85. दशकपञ्चशताधिकसहस्रसंख्या-
 86. च्च सर्वधार्याख्ये ।[। २३*] वर्षे दक्षिण-
 87. मयनं गतवति वर्ममद्युतौ च वर्ममर्त्तौ ।
 88. आपादाभिधमासे दिवसे त्रिंशत्तमे सि-
 89. ते पक्षे ।[। २४*] तिथ्यामपि द्वितियासंज्ञायाञ्चै-
 90. व शोभनेयोगे । करणे शुभेशतभिषक्ता
 91. रेचात्रेयगोत्रसम्भूतः ।[। २५*] महित पराक्रमपा-
 92. ण्ड्यक्षितिपसुतः(।) पुण्यतारसञ्जातः अभिरा-
 93. मसुन्दरेवश्वरवर्मा वरतुङ्ग⁴³रामविरुदाख्यः ।[। २६*]
 94. प्रथिताभिषेकनाम्ना क[यितो]हं वीरपाण्ड्य-
 95. देव इति । भारद्वाजं गोत्रं सूत्रं यस्या-
 96. श्रुत्यायनममहितम् ।[। २७*] श्रीवानिवाळनिवास [श्र]
 97. यदुडैयम्भट्टसूनवे तस्मै । गोविन्दभ-

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98. ट्टविदुषे गुणनिधये धीत क[क]प्रप-
 99. चाय ।[। २८*] सहि⁴⁴रण्योदकधारापूर्वकमा[द्य]-
 100. ख्य पोत्रिणः प्रीत्यै । सम्प्रददे शुभहेतारेकादश⁴⁵-
 101. भागसम्यसितं ग्रामम् ।[। २९*]⁴⁶ रम्यादिनाट्टुत्तिनेमार् पुत्तुककोट्ट[।]-
 102. न्तरावनौ । शिलारिपट्टिग्रामस्य ख्यातस्यापर-
 103. नामतः⁴⁷ ।[। ३०*] वरतुङ्ग⁴⁸रामपुरमित्यस्य वितीर्ण-
 104. स्य संविभज्यन्ते । दिक्षु चतस्रस्सीमा
 105. पौरस्त्यातु प्रकल्पिता सी-
 106. मा ।[। ३१*] वेळम्पन्विषयनलमात्तूर-
 107. सीम्नोश्च पश्चिमतः । सीमा तु मुरु-
 108. कनेरि शेंकुळसीम्नोः कृता त-

44. र is engraved below the line.

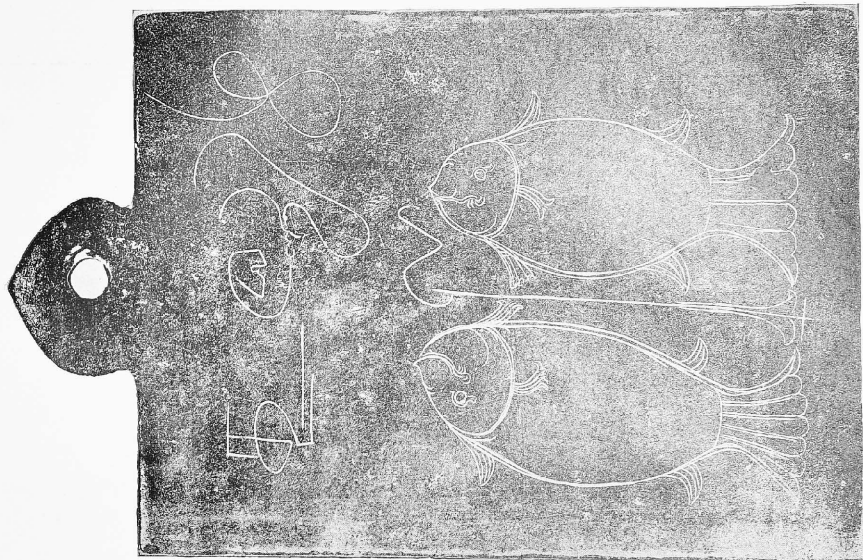
45. श is engraved below the line.

46. Metre of vv. 22-39, आर्या.

47. ना is engraved above त.

48. Read ०नुङ्ग०.

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109. थोत्तरतः [॥ ३२*] सरसश्च दाक्षिणा-
 110. त्या पाश्चात्यामोदक प्रदेशा-
 111. च । नरिक्कुटि विषयात् पुरतस्सीमा
 112. विहिता तथोत्तरा कथिता । [॥ ३३*] सीमा-
 113. तु नल्लमातूर प्रदेश सीमश्च दक्षि-
 114. णतः । इत्थं विभक्त⁴⁹ सीमन्देवद्विज-
 115. शास्तृमातृकाळीनाम् । [॥ ३४*] वृत्तीर्विहाय-
 116. निखिलैः केदारैर्वास्तु वास्तु-
 117. शेषवनैः । निम्नोन्नतमरुदे-
 118. शर्मन्स्य निवासावटै-
 119. र्मधुस्थानैः । [॥ ३५*] मृगकुल-
 120. यन्त्रस्थानैस्सहितमिमं स
 121. र्वस्य सम्पन्नम् । वैश्य-
 122. कुविन्दकुलालकतैलव
 123. णिग्रजकजालिकादीनान् । [॥ ३६*]
 124. करमपि निखिलानन्यान्त्रा⁵⁰ जग्र[॥]-

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125. ह्यान्निवार्य लिखितेषु । म-
 126. द्वारलेखकानाम् परिकुप्तं
 127. सर्वमान्यभावेन । [॥ ३७*] निधिनिक्षे-
 128. पजलाश्मवदाक्षिण्यागामि
 129. सिद्धमाध्यानि । इत्यष्टभोग-
 130. तेजस्वाभ्यानाञ्चैव शा-
 131. खविहितानाम् । [॥ ३८*] दानाधिविनियानां
 132. विक्रय कृत्तेश्चयोग्यभावे[न] ।
 133. आचन्द्रतारसूर्यभा सन्तत्यग्र-
 134. हारमनुभुक्ताम्⁵¹ । [॥ ३९*] ॐ
 135. एकैव भगिनीलोके

49. Read विभक्त०.

51. Read भुङ्गाम्.

50. The letters न and the secondary a of न्त्रा in ०नन्यान्त्रा० are engraved below the line.

136. सर्वेषामपि भूभुजाम् [1*]
 137. नभोज्या न करग्राह्या-
 138. विप्रदत्ता वसुन्धरा । [1 ४०*] स्वद-
 139. ⁵²त्ताद्विगुणम् पुण्यम् प-
 140. रदत्तानुपालनम् । परद-
 141. तापहारेण स्वदत्तानि
 142. फलम् भवेत् । [1 ४१*] स्वदत्ताम्
 143. परदत्तां वा यो हरेत्
 144. वसुन्धराम् । ⁵³षष्टिवर्षसह-
 145. स्त्राणि विष्टायाज्जायते कृ-
 146. मिः । [1 ४२*] दानपालनयोर्मध्ये दाना-
 147. च्छ्रेयोनुपालनम् । दानात् स्व-
 148. र्गमवाप्नोति पालनादच्यु-
 149. तम् पदम् । [1 ४३*] ⁵⁴

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150. तुल्यम्

52. Read ०त्ताद्वि.

53. Read षष्टि.

54. Metre of vv. 40-43, अनुष्टुप्.

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

V.1. Adoration to Vighnêśvara.

V.2. Do. Brahina.

V.3. Do. Vishṇu.

V.4. Do. Śurva (Siva).

V.5. Gives the following legendary geneology to the eponym Pāṇḍya :—

Brahma.
 |
 Atri.
 |
 Chandra, (Moon).
 |
 Pāṇḍya.

V.6. The *kula-guru* of this family was Agastya.

V.7. Sandarśi (the god of Madura) married the daughter of the Pāṇḍya king.

V.8. To these was born Ugra Pāṇḍya. He broke the crown of Indra with his club.

V. 9. Several kings ruled after him the country extending from Laṅka to the Himalayas, and performed Aśvamedha yāgas.

V. 10—11. Parākrama Paṇḍya was born in this line and he fought with the king of Kēraḷa at Champakavana by the command of the god of that place. The god Viśvanātha appeared to him in a dream and blessed this king to build a temple for Hira at Dakṣhiṇa Kāśi.

V. 12. In this family was born Abhirāma Parākrama Paṇḍya.

V. 13. His son was Parākrama Paṇḍya.

V. 14. His son was Guṇarāma.

Vv. 15—17. Guṇarāma's younger brother was Vira Paṇḍya. He is described as having set up several Brahman villages. His praises.

Vv. 18—21. The usual later Paṇḍya introduction.

Vv. 22—23. The king calls himself by the names Abhirāma Sundarēśvara, Varatuṅgarāma and Vira Paṇḍya and informs us that Ś. 1510 was the second year after his coronation.

Vv. 24—30. On the 30th of the month Āśvāḍha, Grishma-ritu, Dakṣiṇāyana, of the year Sarvadhāri, which was the second *tithi* of the bright fortnight, in the Śatabhisha nakṣatra, Śōbhana yōga, and Śubhakarāṇa, the king, who was called Abhirāma Sundarēśvara, who bore the *biruda* Varatuṅgarāma and who was crowned by the name of Abhishēka Vira Paṇḍya, born in the Pushya nakṣatra and belonging to the Ātrēya gōtra, granted the village of Śilārippaṭṭi, belonging to Adi-naṭṭu Tīṇaimār Pudukkōṭṭai, and consisting of eleven shares, in order to please Viṣṇu, to Gōvinda Bhaṭṭa, son of Uḍayambhaṭṭa, of the Bhāradvāja gōtra and Āśvalāyana Sūtra, a student of Rīg-vēda and a native of Vānivaḷa.

Vv. 31—33. The boundaries of the village granted are :—

On the north, Nallamāttūr.

On the east, Vēlambaṇ-vishayam and Nallamāttūr.

On the south, Muruganēri, Śeṅguḷam and a tank and

On the west, Mōdaka-pradēśa and Narikkuḷi-vishayam.

Vv. 34—39. The grant was made free of taxes, with shares to all the important deities and with all the elements of possession and enjoyment.

Vv. 40—43. Imprecatory verses.

NO. XIII. DALAVAY AGRAHARAM PLATES OF ATIVĪRARĀMA PAṇḍYA. SAKA SAMVAT 1517.

This grant has been noticed by Mr. R. Sewell in Vol. II of his 'List of Antiquities, Madras'; he says therein that these plates were then in the office of the Collector of Madura and writes about them as follows :—"A grant in three plates by one of the earlier Nāyakas of Madura. It is in shape very much like the Vijayanagara plates but the character is Grantha. Language Sanskrit. The first plate contains a fanciful account of the Paṇḍyan kings, the last two being 'Abhi-Rāma or Ativirarāma Paṇḍya,' and his son Rāmabhi Rāma Paṇḍya. The second and third plates contain the details of the grant. By it, Rāma Kṛṣṇappa, "sitting on the Lion-throne of Vallabha Narēndra after 33 years have passed, and after ŚS. 1517" granted the village of Nadikkuḷi to a number of Brāhmins. The year of grant is ŚS. 1518. (A.D. 1596). The 33 years may possibly refer to the date of the death of Viśvanātha Nāyakka (A.D. 1563). At the end of the plate is engraved a boar with a dagger standing on its nose." (List of Ant., Madras, p. 31, No. 211, List of Copper-plate grants).

After relating the legendary history of the Pāṇḍya family, the record gives the genealogy of **Ativirarāma** who was crowned under the name of **Srivallabha**. This inscription seems to call Ativirarāma also Abhirāma. His father was Vṛihivṛitiśvarasvāmi, and grandfather Abhirāma Parākrama Pāṇḍya. In the 33rd year of the reign of Ativirarāma Śrivallabha which corresponded with **Ś 1517**, (expressed by the chronogram **Satyamānya**), prince Abhirāma *alias* Ativira granted at the request of **Rāmakṛishnappa Nāyaka** son of Haridāsa, the village of Nadikkūḍi, under the name of Ativirarāmapura, to a number of Brāhmaṇas. The exact date of the grant was a Monday, corresponding with the twelfth *tithi* in the bright half of the month in which the sun stood in the constellation Simha, in the Varshaṛitu, Dakṣiṇāyana, in the year Durmukhi, **Ś 1517**. At the end of the document it is stated that it belonged to Abhirāma and was written at the command of king Ativirarāma by Rājanātha Kavi, son of Svayambhu. Prince Abhirāma *alias* Ativira is in this inscription said to have been born in the Dhanishṭha nakshatra.

Though the passage where Abhirāma *alias* Ativira is introduced appears to suggest that he was the son of Ativirarāma Śrivallabha, we know from other records that he was not the son but the cousin of Śrivallabha: the genealogy of the ruling king alone is given and the donor is introduced without any prefatory notice of him. The record is dated, again, in the 33rd year of the reign of Ativirarāma Śrivallabha and the village granted is also named after the reigning sovereign; it is called Ativirarāmapura and not Ativirapura after the donor. Lastly the grant was drawn up by the command of Ativirarāma Pāṇḍya. From all these, it is plain that Abhirāma *alias* Ativira whom we know from various other records was the cousin of Ativirarāma Śrivallabha made the grant in the reign of the latter. Distinction has therefore to be made between the names Ativirarāma and Ativira Pāṇḍyas. Ativirarāma was the surname of Śrivallabha, whereas Ativira or Vira Pāṇḍya was the name assumed by Abhirāma on his coronation; his surname is Varatūṅgarāma.

The village granted was situated in the Puḍukkōṭṭai *sima*. The boundaries of it were, on the east, Śilārippaṭṭi; on the south *mōḍaka-sima*; on the west, the Kaṅgiredḍi tank, and that of Kaḍanēri and on the north, the way to Nallamāttūr sandai. It was divided into three major divisions which were made into forty-two shares and distributed among Brahmanas whose names etc., are given in a table at the end.

The names of places that occur in this inscription are:—Nadikkūḍi, Śilārippaṭṭi, Kaḍanēri Nallamāttūr sandai, Puḍukkōṭṭai, Uṇḍupuṭṭūr, Vānivālam, Dēharam, Marevalli, Raṭṭēndalapura, and Darbhala. Of these, Nadikkūḍi, Puḍukkōṭṭai are in the Śrivilliputtūr Talūka of the Tinnevely district. Uṇḍupuṭṭūr must be a corruption of Uruppuṭṭūr which is assumed as the family name by some Śrivaishṇavas; where this Uruppuṭṭūr is, I am not able to find out. I am not able to identify the other places also.

Text.¹

First Plate: First Side.

1. शुभमस्तु ।[१*] नमस्तु²गशिरश्चुम्बि चन्द्रचामरचार-
2. वे त्रैलोक्यनगरारम्भमूलस्तम्भाय शम्भ-
3. वे³ ।[१*] हरेलीलावराहस्य⁴ दंष्ट्रादण्डस पातुवः ।
4. हेमाद्रिकलशा यत्र धात्रीछत्रश्रियन्दधौ⁵ ।[२*] कलाण्या-⁶
5. स्तु तद्धाम प्रत्युहति[मि*]रापहम्⁷ । यत्गजोप्यगजोत्भूतम्⁸ प
6. आस्येनापि लाज्यते ।[३*] जयति क्षीरजलधेर्जातं सव्य-⁹
7. क्षणं हरेः । आलम्बनञ्चकोराणाममरायुष्कर मम-¹⁰
8. हः ।[४*]¹¹ तद्वंशे मलयध्वजः क्षितिपतिः श्रीपाण्ड्यराज्या-
9. धिपो गोत्रोद्धारविशारदः कुवल्यापीडाप-
10. हारोद्यतः । सत्यायत्तमति स्मस्तमुमनस्तोमावने-
11. सादर स्मञ्जातस्मृतिभूचि स्सविजयः कृष्णावता
12. रो दि यः¹² ।[५*] योसौ पट्टाभि[पि*]क्तो भुवमपि निखिलाम् पा-¹³
13. लयन् जैत्रयात्रारम्भे सञ्चुम्भमाणोत् भट्ट¹⁴ पटह-
14. रचा चातरोदोन्तराले । मद्रम् भीत्यापनिद्रम्¹⁵ स-
15. मधिगतमहाशैलश्रृंगं कलिंगं सातक्रं वंक्रमे¹⁶
16. गं सहबलमकरोछशौर्यभंगानुषंगम्¹⁷ ।[६*]¹⁸ दूना-
17. शयोसावनपत्थदोषात्भूनाथ¹⁹ आराध्य तपो-
18. भिरीशम् । एनां सुता न्निस्तनिकां स लेभे मीनाश्रु-
19. दारांशभवममृगाक्षीम्²⁰ ।[७*]²¹ हस्तस्थवैरिविजयास्य-

1. From impressions supplied by Mr. M. Narayana-sami Ayyar, B.A., B.L., Madras.
2. Throughout the document *anusvara* is employed wherever the nasals are required. This peculiarity has been noticed in the introduction.
3. The *e* symbol is at the end of the last line and *r* is in this.
4. Read हरेलीला०.
5. Read धात्रीछत्र०.
6. Read कल्याणायास्तु.
7. Read प्रत्युह०.
8. Read यद्गजोप्यगजोत्भूतम्.
9. Read सव्येक्षणं.
10. Read ०युष्करम् महः.

11. Verses 1-4 are in the अनुष्टुप् metre.
12. The secondary *e* symbol of रो is in the previous line and the other members at the beginning of this one.
13. The letter *p* is at the end of this and secondary *a* belonging to it, at the beginning of the next line
14. Read ०द्वटपटहरवामत०(?)
15. Read ०निद्रं.
16. Read शृङ्गे कालङ्गे सातक्रं वंक्रमङ्गं.
17. Read ०छौर्यभङ्गानुषंगम्.
18. Metre of vv. 5-6.
19. Read ०दूनाथ०.
20. Read ०भवाम् मृगाक्षीम्.
21. Metre इन्द्रवज्रा.

20. पदेभिषेक्ता ²²त्रिस्तन्यशेषुविदिविजयोपया-
 21. ता । कन्दर्पवैरिण इयं रजताद्रिशृंगे ²³सन्दर्शना-
 22. क्ष्यविषयैककुचा सलज्जा । [। ८*] अनन्तरन्ताम्परीणी-
 23. य कान्ताम् समन्दहासाम् मधुराधिवासाम् । हेमास-
 24. ने षट्चरणे ²⁵धिरूढ स्तोमावतंसः प्रशशास-
 25. भूमिम् । [। ९*] ²⁶नीराजितांघ्रि ²⁷रवनीपतिमौलिरत्नैर्मा-
 26. राहितो विरचयन्मधुराधिराज्यम् । श्रीवत्सलक्ष्म-
 27. खदैवतबन्धमानो देवश्चकार चतुरुत्तरपण्डिली-
 28. लाः । [। १०*] ²⁸तस्या न्तस्य ततो जनिष्ट तनुमूर्यः क्षमापा-²⁹
 29. लको देवब्रह्मकुलेपि वैरिनिकरे नन्वर्थ-
 30. सात्थार्थाभिधः । क्षान्त्या घोरपराक्रमादपि-
 31. लभ्रान्त्या पतंगा वथा ³⁰शान्तास्तस्करसञ्चयास्म-
 32. भवन्यस्य प्रतापेनले । [। ११*] ³¹अजनिष्ट ³²पदन्वयवारिनिधा-

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33. वभिरामपराक्रम पाण्ड्यशशी । हतशाव्वर-
 34. एष सुपर्वहितः कुमुदाकलनोद्यदुदारव-
 35. सुः । [। १२*] ³³आहितलक्षण एष समीहितदायी बुधाव-
 36. ले भूपः ³⁴। भूपित एव स तस्मात् त्रीहिवृत्तिस्वा-³⁵
 37. मि पाण्ड्यनामाभूत् । [। १३*] अथिरामपाण्ड्य उदभू-
 38. दस्माद्विस्मपनोल्लसत्छशीलात् ³⁶। राजन्वती
 39. यतो भूद्राजन्यैस्सकुलापि(१) भूरन्यैः । [। १४*] अति-
 40. वीरराम इत्युन्नतिभृदूपेण चाभिधायो-³⁷
 41. गात् । भूवल्लभोभिषेके श्रीवल्लभ ईरितेन

22. Read त्रिस्तन्य०.

23. Read शृङ्गे.

24. Metre वसन्ततिलकम्.

25. Read षट्चरणे०.

26. Metre उपजातिः.

27. Read ०ताङ्गि०.

28. Metre वसन्ततिलकम्.

29. The first members of पो is in this line and the second in the beginning of the next one.

30. Read पतङ्गावथा.

31. Metre शाङ्खविक्रीडितम्.

32. Read तदन्वय०.

33. Metre, तोटकम्.

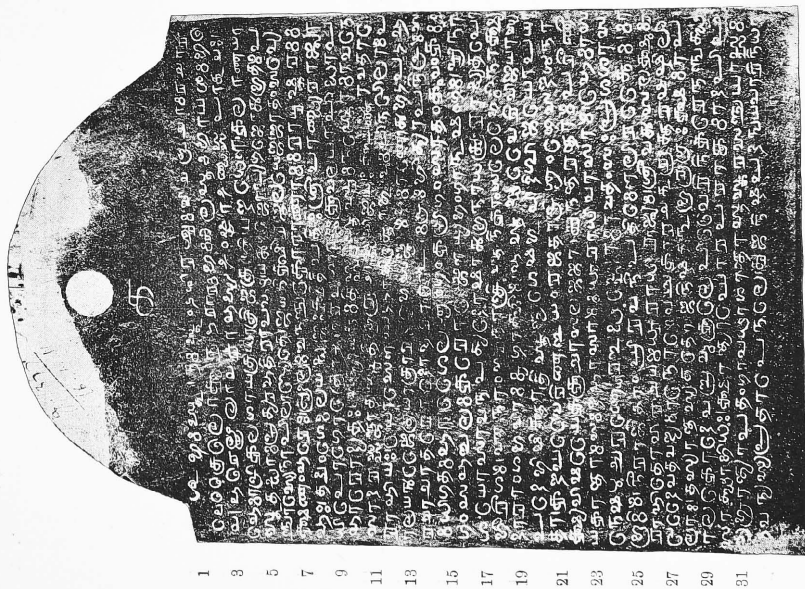
34. Read ०लेभूपः.

35. The secondary a of स्वा is at the beginning of the next line.

36. Read ०ल्लसच्छीलात्.

37. The secondary a symbol of धा is engraved below the line.

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42. नाम्नायः । [। १९*]³⁸ श्रीमां³⁹स्ततो जायत एष धीमान् रामा-⁴⁰
 43. भिरामक्षितिपोभिरामः । धीरो गभीर श्रुत
 44. वानुदारस्मारो गुणानामिह योतिवीरः [। १६*]⁴¹
 45. यत्न व्यथायि⁴² विधिना स्मरकाम्यरूप(म्)न्तस्यै-
 46. व भूषणतया सदयो⁴³गुणौघः । भूषा च तस्य क-
 47. लशोत्भवजिष्णुवाणि⁴⁴ तत्भूषणञ्च शिवभक्तिरच-
 48. च्छला श्रीः । [। १७*]⁴⁵ पुण्यज जयन्तमं [ग*]लपुरनाथो यः पुराण-
 49. शास्त्रज्ञः । वामालकामनोभूः क्षेमासुरनारसि-
 50. हसत्विरुदः⁴⁶ । [। १८*] केरळ तमोदिवाकर आरवधावद्रणा-
 51. हितो भेर्याः । [। १८, ॥*]⁴⁷ श्रीचोळसिन्धुवडवानल एष विद्व
 52. द्वाचोदितस्वचरितो वरदेवपाण्ड्यः । पाटिरशै-
 53. लवरकूटविहारभूमिः कोटीरहारीवल्लयो⁴⁸ वल.
 54. शासनस्य । [। १९, ॥*]⁴⁹ जीवब्रह्मस्थैकतानन्त्यवृत्तिर्दिव्र.
 55. ह्यस्थापनाचार्य कीर्त्तिः । क्षेमन्दानात् कल्पयन् सज्ज
 56. नानाम् सामन्तानाञ्चकवर्त्तीति कीर्त्त्यः । [। २०, ॥*]⁵⁰ राजाधिराज इह-
 57. रञ्जितजीवल्लोको भोजानवद्यभणितिभुवनैक-
 58. वीरः । ख्यातोतिवीरमहितक्षितिपोपवाद्भीतो
 59. भयो रिपुकुलात्⁵¹ भुविशास्ति राज्यम् ॐ [॥२१, ॥*]⁵²

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60. श्रीवल्लभनरेन्द्रस्य सिंहासनमुपेयुषः
 61. त्रियस्त्रिंशद्वत्सरेषु समर्ततिषुसम्भतेः । [। २२ ॥*] सत्यमान्ये शका-
 62. व्दे च वर्षे दुर्मुखिनामनि । दक्षिणायनगे भानौ वर्षत्तौ⁵³
 63. सीह⁵⁴भास्वति । [। २३, ॥*] शुक्लपक्षे शुभे पुण्यद्वादश्यां सोमवा-

38. Metre, of vv. 13-15, आर्या.

39. The *anusvara* symbol of मां is engraved below the line.

40. The secondary *a* of मा begins the next line.

41. Metre, इन्द्रवज्रा.

42. Read व्यथायि.

43. The letter गौ is represented by *n* and the second member of the secondary *au*.

44. Read कलशोद्भव जिष्णुवाणी तद्भूषणञ्च.

45. Metre, वसन्ततिलकम्.

46. Read ०सद्विरुदः.

47. Metre, of vv. 18-18½, आर्या.

48. Read काटीरहारीवल्लयो.

49. Metre, वसन्ततिलकम्.

50. Metre, शालिनी

51. Read ०कुलाद्भवि.

52. Metre, वसन्ततिलकम्

53. Read वर्षत्तौ.

54. Read सिंह.

64. सरे । श्रवणक्षे⁵⁵ शुभे योगे करणे शुभनामनि ।[। २४, ॥*] हरिदा-
 65. ससुतो धीमान्नामकृष्णपनायकः प्रणम्यशिरसा भूषम्
 66. पुण्यशीलो व्यजिज्ञपत् ।[। २९, ॥*] ग्रामार्थामस्य विज्ञप्ति विशेषज्ञो.⁵⁶
 67. नुपालयन् । धनिष्ठातारसञ्जातः पवित्रात्रेयगोत्रजः ।[२६*]
 68. अभिराममहीपोयमतिवीरापराह्वयः । विप्रेभ्यो वेदमु-
 69. ख्येभ्यो नानागोत्रेभ्य आदरात् ।[। २७, ॥*] भागत्रयमितं ग्रामं सहि-
 70. रण्याम्बु दत्तवान् दत्तस्यास्य पुतुक्कोट्टे प्रदेशान्तरमे
 71. युषः ।[। २८, ॥*] श्रीनतिककुटि नाम्नेतिवीररामपुरस्य तु । राजमन्त्रिवरैः⁵⁷
 72. कुसुपत्रिकात्थानुसारतः ।[। २९, ॥*] कथ्यन्ते साम्प्रतं सीमाश्चतु.
 73. दिक्षु यथाक्रमम् ।[। ३०*]⁵⁸ पूर्वाशिलारिभट्टि श्रितसीमावरजलाशयात्
 74. पश्चात् । दक्षिणसीमा मोदकसीमायःश्चैव सममतोत्तरतः⁵⁹ ।[। ३१*]⁶⁰ प-
 75. श्चिमा पुरतस्सीमाकंकिरट्टिजलाशयात् । उदकसीमा मता काटने⁶¹
 76. रिचिख्यातसीमतः ।[। ३२*] नल्लमातुशनै नीवृत्तागमि⁶²मार्गाच्च दक्षिणे ।⁶³
 77. इत्थमुत्तचतुस्सीमे⁶⁴ ग्रामे भागत्रयन्दिजाः ।[। ३३*] विभज्य भागान्
 78. प्रापुष्टिचत्वारिंशत्⁶⁵ समम् पुनः । कथ्यन्ते भगिनो विप्रा गो-
 79. त्रसूत्रपुरस्सरम् ।[। ३४*] श्रीवत्सगोलसञ्जातस्यापस्तम्बोत्त⁶⁶म्.
 80. तिणः । उन्धुप्पुट्टूरस्मितेरंग⁶⁷ श्रीनल्लाञ्चक्रवर्त्तिनः ।[। ३५*] सुतस्य को
 81. ण्डप्पय्यंकार⁶⁸वरस्य तनयोनवः । श्रीमद्रामानुजय्यंकार⁶⁹ भाग-
 82. द्वयमिहाश्नुते ।[। ३६*] भारद्वाजान्वयो वानिवलभागाश्चलायनः । उड-
 83. यम्भट्टपुत्रोगात्⁷⁰ गोविन्दो भागमेककम् आपस्तम्बसुसू-
 84. त्रोत्र कौण्डिन्यो भागमेककम् । भवानिभट्टतनुजस्तिप्पाभट्ट-
 85. स्समश्नुते ।[। ३८*] वीरम्भट्टसुतः । कुत्तसगोलजो भागमेककम् । आप-
 86. स्तम्ब [सु*] सूत्रोत्र कृष्णम्भट्टस्समश्नुते ।[। ३९*]⁷¹ यासत्तो⁷²त्रभवो गादा⁷³

55. Read श्रवणक्षे.

56. The first member of जो is in this line and the rest at the beginning of the next.

57. The secondary ai symbols are at the end of this line and r at the beginning of the next.

58. Metre of vv. 22½-30, अनुष्टुप्.

59. Read सम्म०.

60. Metre, आर्या.

61. The secondary ० of ने is in this line, while n begins the next line.

62. Read ०द्रामि०.

63. The secondary ० of ने is at the end of this and n at the beginning of the next line.

64. Read इत्थमुक्त०.

65. Read ०पुष्टि०.

66. Read ०वोक्त०.

67. Read रङ्ग०.

68. Read ०कार्.

69. Read ०कार्.

70. Read ०द्रोविन्दो.

71. Metre of vv. 32-39, अनुष्टुप्.

72. Read यासद्गोल०.

73. The secondary a of दा is at the beginning of the next line.

87. पस्तम्बोत्तमूत्रवानत्र⁷² । भागं शिकिरिभट्टो देहार-
 88. म्मल्लभट्टसुत एकम् ।[। ४०*] यासत्गोत्र⁷³ जातो महता⁷⁴ पस्तम्बूत्रवा-
 89. नत्र । शिकिरिभट्टतनूजस्तिरुमलभट्टोपि भागमेकमिह ।[। ४१*] आपस्त-⁷⁵
 90. म्बो⁷⁶ त्तमूत्रोत्रभागं कौशिकगोत्रजः । रामाभट्टसुतो-
 91. प्येकमब्बाभट्टस्समश्नुते ।[। ४२*]⁷⁷ मारिवल्लिग तिरुमलभट्टसुतः काश्यपा-
 92. न्वयो लभते । भागन्तिरुमलभट्टो मभितापस्तम्बमूत्रवाते⁷⁸-

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93. कम् ।[। ४३*]⁷⁹ आपस्तम्ब[सु*]मूत्रोत्र⁸⁰ भागं, हरित गोत्रजः[*]⁸¹
 94. एल्लवधानितनुजो गोपालोप्येकमश्नुते ।[। ४४*]
 95. आपस्तम्बसुमूत्रोत्रभागं काश्यपगोत्रजः⁸¹ यज्ञम्भट्ट-
 96. सुतोप्येकं लिङ्गम्भट्टस्समश्नुते⁸² ।[। ४५*] श्रीवत्सगोत्रजोप्य[।*]-
 97. पस्तम्बीयो रुववा अजः⁸³ । भागमेकन्नागनाथसोमयाजी-
 98. समश्नुते ।[। ४६*]⁸⁴ अत्रेयगोत्रजातो महितापस्तम्बमूत्रवाने-
 99. कम् । शिंगिरिभट्टतनूजो भा⁸⁴गम् भजतेव पोळुभट्टोपि⁸⁵ ।[। ४७] श्री-
 100. वत्सगोत्रजातो लभतापस्तम्बमूत्रवाने⁸⁶कम् । कसवाम-
 101. ट्ट तनूजो भागन्देसप्पनामापि ।[। ४८*] श्रीवत्सगोत्रजातो महिताप-
 102. स्तम्ब मूत्रवानेकम् । दर्भलगुरुवाभट्टो भागं समुपैति संगुभ-
 103. ट्टसुतः ।[। ४९*] कौण्डिन्यगोत्रजातो महितापस्तम्बमूत्रवाने-
 104. ति । लिगा⁸⁷ भट्टतनूजस्सोमा भट्टोपि⁸⁸ भागमेकमिह ।[। ५०*]⁸⁹ तत्गोत्र⁹⁰ [जो*]-
 105. भागमेकं श्रीचेन्नापण्डितात्मजः[*] । आपस्तम्बोत्तमूत्रो⁹¹-
 106. त्र केशवय्य स्समश्नुते ।[। ५१*] वाधूलवंशजातो गादाप-
 107. स्तम्पोत्तमूत्रवान्⁹¹ । रामाभट्टो भागमेकं कविकाळ-

74. Read ०बोक्त०.

75. Metre of vv. 40-41, आर्या.

76. Read ०बोक्त०.

77. Metre, अनुष्टुप्.

78. Read महितापस्तम्ब०.

79. Metre, आर्या.

80. Read आपस्तम्ब०.

81. ज is written like न्दु.

82. Read लिङ्गम्भट्ट०.

83. Read राघवात्मजः.

84. The secondary a symbol of भा is engraved below the line,

85. The secondary o symbol of ट्टो is engraved below the line in front of म thereby making it appear to belong to भ.

86. Read ०स्तम्ब०.

87. Read लिङ्गा०.

88. मा in सोमा is engraved below the line.—

89. Metre of vv. 46-53, आर्या.

90. Read तद्गोत्र०.

91. Read ०म्बोक्त०.

92. Read मांद्गत्य०.

108. पनन्दनः ।[। ५२*] मौत्गलयगोत्रसम्भूत आश्वलायनसूत्रवान् ।[*]
 109. श्रीरट्टेन्द[ल]⁹³ पुरावासतिम्मप्पयजनन्दन[ः*] ।[। ५३*]⁹⁴ श्रीमुखतिरुमल-
 110. भट्टो वृत्तिमिहैकामलब्ध विख्यात[ः*] ।[। ५३, ॥*]⁹⁵ सुधी स्वयम्भूरभव[त्] भ[।*]रट्टा⁹⁶
 111. जकुले महान् ।[। ५४*] न्द्राह्यायनप्रोक्त⁹⁷ सूत्रोमान्यो मधु-
 112. वैवात्रः⁹⁸ । तत्सुतस्साहितीसारशैवागमविशारद[ः*] ।[। ५५*] अग्र-
 113. हीत् भागमत्रैक⁹⁹ राजनाथकवीश्वर[ः*] आपस्तम्बसुसू-
 114. त्रोत्र भागं हरतगोत्रजः¹⁰⁰ ।[। ५३*] सर्वाभट्टसुतोप्येकं
 115. ¹⁰¹सोमाभट्टस्समक्षुते । आत्रेयगोत्रजः(।) पोशैसो-
 116. मयासुतोप्यगात् ।[। ५७*] अण्णाच्चिरापस्तम्बोक्त¹⁰²सूत्रवान्
 117. भागमेककं । श्रीवत्सगोत्रजोप्येतमापस्तम्बोक्तसू-
 118. त्रवात् ।[। ५८*] मुत्तुभट्टसुतो भागं ¹⁰³वेंकटाद्रिसमश्नुते । आपस्त-
 119. म्बोक्तसूत्रोगात् भागं¹⁰⁵ कौण्डिन्यगोत्रजः ।[। ५९*] कोने-
 120. श्वरस्तिरुमलभट्टपुत्रस्तथैककम् । भागम् भारद्वाजगो-
 121. त्रोप्याश्वलायनसूत्रवान् ।[। ६०*] एकत्तारणय्यंकार-¹⁰⁶
 122. कृष्णयंकारसुतोक्षुते¹⁰⁷ । भारद्वाजान्वयोभाग-
 123. मापस्तम्बोक्तसूत्रवान्¹⁰⁸ ।[। ६१*] एल्लुभट्टतनुजातो
 124. ¹⁰⁹गौरयोप्येकमक्षुते । तीत्तारप्पश्रीगुमाण्डूर
 125. शोक्कप्पतनयोक्षुते ।[। ६२*] भागमापस्तम्बमूलो-

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126. प्येककं कौशिकान्वयः आपस्तम्बोक्त-¹¹⁰
 127. सूत्रोत्र वाधूलो भागमेककम् ।[। ६३*] देवज्ञवै-¹¹¹
 128. [क]टाद्रिश्च वैद्यनाथसुतोश्नुते । एकमापस्तम्ब-

93. The letter e is of the Tamil alphabet

94. Metre of vv. 51-53, अनुष्टुप्.

95. Metre, आर्या.

96. Read वट्टार०. The letters वत् are engraved below the line.

97. Read द्राह्यायनप्रोक्त०.

98. The passage here is not clear.

99. Read ०द्वागमत्रैक०.

100. Read हरित०.

101. The first member of सो alone is at the end of this line.

102. Read ०म्बोक्त०.

103. Read ०प्येकमापस्तम्बोक्तसूत्रवान्.

104. Read वेङ्कटाद्रि०.

105. Read ०म्बोक्तसूत्रोगाद्भागं.

106. Read ०कार.

107. Read ०कार.

108. Read ०म्बोक्त

109. The secondary e part of the au symbol is in this line and the rest are in the next one.

110. Read ०म्बोक्त०.

111. Read वेङ्कटाद्रि०.

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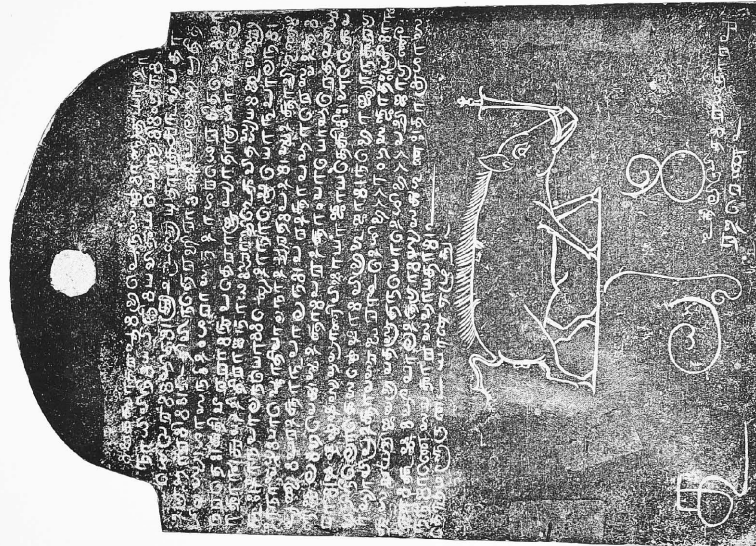


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129. मूभो भागं काश्यपगोत्रज [:*] ।[। ६६*] एचभट्टतनूजात (नूज्)।
 130. स्सोमाभागवतोऽश्रुते । एकमापस्तम्बमूत्रो भार-
 131. [द्व] । जकुलोत्भवः¹¹² ।[। ६७*] एकं कामाभट्टसुतो वैकट[।]¹¹³
 132. दि स्समश्रुते ।[। ६७, ॥*]¹¹⁴ प्रथियगुणभ¹¹⁵ द्वि एल्लम्भट्टतनूजात्र गै[।]¹¹⁶
 133. तमान्वयजः । भागन्नरसम्भट्टतनूजो महितापस्तम्बम्
 134. त्रवानेकम् ।[। ६८*] तिरुमलभट्टतनूजो महितापस्तम्बम्-
 135. त्रवानत्र । कौण्डिन्यगोत्रजातो भागम् वरमेकम्¹¹⁷
 136. [प्प]गो लभते [॥ ६९*] श्रीमदौवल्लभट्टस्य पत्र [:*] कौण्डिन्य-
 137. गे[।]त्रजः । भागमप्पाभट्ट एक¹¹⁸ प्रा[पा*]पस्तम्बमूत्रव[।]-
 138. न् [॥ ९०*] रंगा¹¹⁹ भट्टतनूजातः प्रापापस्तम्बमूत्रवान् । भाग-
 139. [मे]कम् गणपतिशास्त्रि कौण्डिन्यगोत्रज(।)[:*] [७१*] यासत्
 140. [गो]¹²⁰त्रभवो भाकमापस्तम्बोत्तमूत्रवान्¹²¹ । मल्लुभट्टसु-
 141. [त्]स्सीतापतिरेकमसमश्रुते¹²² ।[। ७२*]¹²³ एकमापस्तम्बमूत्रो भागम् (।)
 142. कौण्डिन्यगोत्रजः ।¹²⁴सूय्यनारायणस्तीराविनैती-
 143. [त्] तार¹²⁵सुतोऽश्रुते ।[। ७३*]¹²⁶ मञ्जलभट्टतनूजो महितापस्तम्बम्¹²⁷
 144. [त्र]वानेकम् । भागन्तिरुमलभट्टो भारद्वाजान्वयोत्¹²⁸
 145. [भ]वोलभते ।[। ७४*] श्रीवत्सगोत्रसंभूत आपस्तम्बोत्त¹²⁹मूत्रवान्[।]
 146. [न]गंभट्टतनूजन्मा विश्वनाथमहिसुरः ।[। ७५] अग्रही¹³⁰वृत्तिमत्रैक-
 147. [म्] दर्भलग्नमावासम् । श्रीवत्सगोत्रसञ्जात¹³¹ आपस्तवे[।]¹³²
 148. त्तमूत्रभात् ।[। ७६*] श्रीवैगळ¹³³तनूजातो एल्लम्भट्टद्विजो-

112. Read ०द्रवः.

113. Read वेङ्कटा०.

114. Metre of vv. 54-67½, अनुष्टुप्.

115. Read प्रथित.

116. The first two members of the letter गौ are in this line and the third in the next.

117. Read ०मप्पयो.

118. Read एकं.

119. Read रङ्गा०.

120. Read ०द्रोत्त०.

121. Read भागमापस्तम्बोक्त.

122. Read ०पतिरेकं समश्रुते.

123. Metre of vv. 68-72, अनुष्टुप्.

124. Read सूर्य०.

125. Read तत्तार.

126. Metre गीतिः.

127. Read ०स्तम्ब०.

128. Read ०द्रवो०.

129. Read ०स्तम्बोक्त.

130. Read ०हीदृत्ति०.

131. Read सञ्जात आपस्तम्बोक्तमूत्र भाक्.

132. The last member of वो is at the beginning of the next line.

133. Read वेङ्कट०.

149. तमः । दर्मलग्रामवसती¹³⁴ भागमेकमिहाग्रहीत् ।[७७*] वृत्तिरेका तथ[I]¹³⁵
 150. [शं] भोर्देवदेवस्य कलिता । विष्णोश्च वृत्तिरेकात्र
 151. [वे] दवृत्तिस्तथैकिका ।[७७*]¹³⁶ इत्थंविभक्त¹³⁷ भागम्¹³⁸ गामभागत्रयाच्चि-
 152. रम्भ्यम्¹³⁹ । [७८ रे*] इत्थमुत्त¹⁴⁰ चतुस्तीमामध्यगं वास्तुभूतलम् ।[७९*]¹⁴¹ वास्तु-
 153. [मि] र्वास्तुशेषश्च केदारोर्विपिनै¹⁴² रपि । निम्नोन्न[तै]¹⁴³
 154. श्च मरुभिर्मस्थावासैश्च¹⁴⁴ पल्वलैः ।[८०*]¹⁴⁵ निधिनिक्षेप-
 155. [ज] लाश्मवदक्षिण्यागाम¹⁴⁶ (I) सिद्धसाध्येश्च । वापिकू¹⁴⁷ पतटा-
 156. कैश्च शूद्रान्त्यावासवास्तुभिस्सहितम् ।[८१*] वैश्यकुविन्द-
 157. कुलालकतैलवणिद्र¹⁴⁸ जकजालिकान्त्यानाम् । अविखरमखिल¹⁴⁹

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158. ममुकत्वा [क्लृ] तम्¹⁵⁰ भूपेन सर्वमान्यतया ।[८२*] दा-
 159. नाधिविनिमय (विनिमय) विक्रययोग्य¹⁵¹ मिमं ग्राम-
 160. शेखरम् महितम् । आचन्द्रसूर्यतारक¹⁵² अनुभवता-
 161. दग्रहारमिमम् । कृतिविनितेर¹⁵³ भिरामक्षि[ति*] पालख्य प्रतीति-
 162. शीलस्य । शासनमिदं शरासनदाशरथेरमितहेमदा-
 163. नरतेः ।[८४*] अतिवीररामनृपतेराज्ञप्यातात्र शासनलो-
 164. कान्¹⁵⁴ । अवददिति राजनाथस्सुरभिलकवितस्स्ययम्¹⁵⁵ भुवस्सू-
 165. नुः ।[८५*]¹⁵⁶ दानपालनयोर्मध्ये दानाद्यथेयोनूपालनम् ।
 166. दानास्व¹⁵⁸ र्गमवाप्नोति पालनादञ्चुतम् पदम् ।[८६*] स्वदत्ताद्विगुणम्
 167. पुण्यम् वरदत्तानुपालनम् । परदत्तापहारे[ण*] स्वदत्त(म्)-

134. Read वसतिभाग०.

135. The secondary a of था is at the beginning of the next line.

136. Metre, अनुष्टुप्.

137. Read वीमभक्त.

138. Read ग्रामं.

139. Read रम्भ्यम्. Metre, गीतिः

140. Read इत्थमुत्तं.

141. Metre, अनुष्टुप्.

142. Read केदारैर्वि०.

143. The first two members of तै—the two secondary e symbols are at the end of this line.

144. Read मत्स्या००.

145. Metre, अनुष्टुप्.

146. Read ०ण्यागामि

147. Read वापी.

148. Read वणिज्ज००.

149. Read अपिकरमखिलमुक्ता.

150. क्लृ looks like कर.

151. Read विक्रययोग्य.

152. Read ०सूर्यतारकमनु०.

153. Read कृतवि०.

154. Read ०प्या ताम्राशासनश्लोकान्. The first two members of लो of लोकान् are in this line, and the secondary a of the same in the next line.

155. Read ०तस्त्व००.

156. Metre of vv. 81-85, गीतिः.

157. Read च्छेद्यो०.

158. Read ०त्त्वर्ग००.

168. त्रिफलम् भवेत् ।[। ८७*] स्वदत्ताम् परदत्तां वा यो हरेत् व[सु*][न्धु]¹⁵⁹
 169. राम् । षष्ठ्यवर्षस्थह¹⁶⁰त्वाणि वि[ष्ट]याज्ञायते क्रिमिः¹⁶¹ ।[। ८८*] एकैव-
 170. भगिनी लोके सर्वेषामपि भूभुजाम् । नभोज्या न करग्रा-¹⁶²
 171. ह्या विप्रदत्ता वसुन्धरा [। ८९*] देशिभट्टांग¹⁶³ सज्जातः (।) श्रीमान्
 172. कसवयद्विज[।:] बभूव तत्त¹⁶⁴ तनयो देशिभट्टपट्टिजाग्रणी[:*] ।[। ९०*]
 173. रामकृष्णमहीपालदत्तग्रामस्थ सत्गुणः¹⁶⁵ । ताम्रशास-
 174. ननिर्माणे स चकार सहायताम् ।[। ९१*]¹⁶⁶
 175. कोडुमळूरुडैयान् ए^७तु^७¹⁶⁷
 176. तुल्यम्
 177. इति लिखितम्¹⁶⁸ रथकार पु-
 177. रन्दरेण

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS,

V. 1. Adoration to Śambhu.

V. 2. Do. Varāhamūrti.

V. 3. Do. Vighneśvara (Gaṇāna).

V. 4. Describes the birth of Chandra, (the moon).

Vv. 5—6. In the lunar race was born Malayadhvaja, an *avatāra* of Kṛishṇa. Praises of his valour.

V. 7. Having had no children he prayed to Īśvara for a child and, by His grace, a daughter was born to him. The child who was called Minākshi had three breasts.

V. 7. In the place of Malayadhvaja, she was crowned as queen.

Vv. 8—9. She started out on the conquest of the countries on the four cardinal points of the earth (*digvijaya*). When she approached the Rajatātri, one of her breasts disappeared. She was married there to Śiva and began to rule her kingdom with Him, seated on a seat with six legs.

V. 10 Praises of Śiva who is said to have indulged in sixty four sports (*līlās*).

V. 11. Their son was Ugra. His praises.

159. Read वसुन्धरा

160. Read षष्ठि वर्षसहस्र०.

161. Read क्रिमिः

162. The secondary *a* of ग्रा is at the beginning of the next line.

163. Read भट्टाङ्ग०.

164. Read वस्य.

165. Read ऽद्वुणः.

166. Metre of vv. 81—85, गीतिः.

167. Written in Tamil characters.

168. Read लिखित.

Vv. 12—17. In this line was born Abhirāma Parākrama Pāṇḍya. His son was Vrihivṛtiśvara Pāṇḍyaśvāmi. To him was born Abhirāma Pāṇḍya. He was otherwise known as Ativirārāma and Śrīvallabha. (1) His praises. He was very learned in the Tamil Language and was a Śiva-bhakta.

Vv. 18—21. The usual later Pāṇḍya introduction.

Vv. 22½—29. In the Śaka year 1517, expressed by the chrogram *satyamānya*, which corresponded with the 33rd year after the accession of Śrīvallabha,—on a Monday which was the Puṇya Dvādaśī of the bright half of the month Śrāvana (Sīmha), Varsba-ritu, Dakshināyana of the cyclic year Durmukhi; on the Śravananākshatra, Śubha-yōga and Śubha-karāṇa, the king Abhirāma *alias* Ativira, born on the Dhanishṭha nakshatra, granted, at the request of Rāmakṛṣṇappa Nāyaka, son of Haridāsa, the village of Nadikkūḍi into three parts, under the name of Ativirārāmapuram. The village thus granted was in Pudukkōṭṭai *śima*.

V. 29. The king's officers drew up the documents (in connection with the grant).

Vv. 30-32. The boundaries of the village are :—

On the east, Śilārippaṭṭi.

On the south, Mōdaka-*śima*.

On the west, Kaṅgi-reḍḍi tank, and

On the north, Kaḍanēri *śima* and the way leading to Nallamattu-śandai.

V. 33. The village was divided into 42 shares and distributed among Brāhmins of various gōtras, a list of these is given below :—

V. 78. List of donees.

Vv. 79-83. The privileges accompanying the grant are detailed,

V. 84. States that this is the *śāsana* of Abhirāma,

V. 85. The *śāsana* was composed by the order of Ativirārāma by Rājanāthakavi, son of Svayambhū.

Vv. 86-89. Usual imprecatory verses.

(1) Śrīvallabha *alias* Ativirārāma Pāṇḍya seems to have had the name Abhirāma, a fact which is nowhere else mentioned.

V. 90. Désibhaṭṭa's son, Kēśavaya; his son Désibhaṭṭa: this man helped in the matter of drawing up of this document.

The record was engraved on copper-plates by Purandara, the maker of chariots (*rathakāra*).

| No. | Name of the donee. | His father's name. | Gōtra | Sūtra. | Shares |
|-----|--|---|----------------|-------------------|--------|
| 1 | Rāmanuja Ayyaṅgar of Uṇḍuputtūr. | Koṇḍappayyaṅgar who was the son of Raṅga Nallāṇṇchakravartti. | Śrivatsa | ... Āpastamba | 2 |
| 2 | Gōvinda of Vānivalam | ... Uḍayam Bhaṭṭa | ... Bhāradvāja | ... Āśvalayana | 1 |
| 3 | Tippā Bhaṭṭa | ... Bhavāni Bhaṭṭa | ... Kaundinya | ... Āpastamba | 1 |
| 4 | Kṛṣṇam Bhaṭṭa | ... Viram Bhaṭṭa | ... Kṛitsa | ... Do. | 1 |
| 5 | Śinkiri Bhaṭṭa of Dēbāram | Mallu Bhaṭṭa | ... | Do. | 1 |
| 6 | Tirumala Bhaṭṭa | ... Śīngiri Bhaṭṭa | ... | Do. | 1 |
| 7 | Abbā Bhaṭṭa | ... Rāmā Bhaṭṭa | ... Kauśika | ... Do. | 1 |
| 8 | Tirumala Bhaṭṭa of Māra-valli. | Tirumala Bhaṭṭa | ... Kāśyapa | ... Do. | 1 |
| 9 | Gōpāla | ... Ellāvadhāni | ... Harita | ... Do. | 1 |
| 10 | Lingam Bhaṭṭa | ... Yajñam Bhaṭṭa | ... Kāśyapa | ... Do. | 1 |
| 11 | Nāganāthasōmayāji | ... Rāghava (?) | ... Śrivatsa | ... Do. | 1 |
| 12 | Pollum Bhaṭṭa | ... Śīngiri Bhaṭṭa | ... Ātreya | ... Do. | 1 |
| 13 | Dēsappa Bhaṭṭa | ... Kasavā Bhaṭṭa | ... Śrivatsa | ... Do. | 1 |
| 14 | Guruvā Bhaṭṭa of Dar-bhaḷa. | Sangu Bhaṭṭa | ... Do. | ... Do. | 1 |
| 15 | Sōma Bhaṭṭa | ... Liṅgā Bhaṭṭa | ... Kaundinya | ... Āpastamba | 1 |
| 16 | Kēśavayya | ... Chennā Paṇḍita | ... Do. | ... Do. | 1 |
| 17 | Rāmā Bhaṭṭa | ... Kavi Kālappa | ... Vādhūla | ... Gadāpas-tamba | 1 |
| 18 | Śrīmukha Tirumala Bhaṭṭa of Raṭṭēndalapuram. | Timmappa | ... Maudgalya | ... Āśvalāyana. | 1 |
| 19 | Rājanātha Kavīśvara | ... Svayambhu | ... Bhāradvāja | ... Drāhyāyana. | 1 |
| 20 | Sōmā Bhaṭṭa | ... Śarvvā Bhaṭṭa | ... Harita | ... Āpastamba | 1 |
| | Total No. of Shares | ... | | | 21 |

| No. | Name of the done. | His father's name. | Gôtra | Śūtra. | Shares |
|-----|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------|--------|
| | Brought forward | | | | 21 |
| 21 | Anṇācchehi Bhaṭṭa ... | Pōsai Sōmayāji ... | Ātrēya ... | Do. | 1 |
| 22 | Vēṇkaṭādri Bhaṭṭa ... | Muttu Bhaṭṭa ... | Śrīvatsa ... | Do. | 1 |
| 23 | Kōṇēsvara Bhaṭṭa ... | Tirumala Bhaṭṭa ... | Kaundinya ... | Do. | 1 |
| 24 | Nārāyaṇa Ayyaṅgār ... | Krīṣṇa Ayyaṅgār ... | Bhāradvāja ... | Āśvalāyana. | 1 |
| 25 | Gauraya Bhaṭṭa ... | Ellu Bhaṭṭa ... | Do. | Āpastamba | 1 |
| 26 | Tittārappa Bhaṭṭa ... | Sokkappa Bhaṭṭa ... | Kausika ... | Do. | 1 |
| 27 | Vēṇkaṭādri Jōsya ... | Vaidyanātha ... | Vādhūla ... | Do. | 1 |
| 28 | Sōmā Bhāgavata ... | Echa Bhaṭṭa ... | Kāśyapa ... | Do. | 1 |
| 29 | Vēṇkaṭādri ... | Kāmā Bhaṭṭa ... | Bhāradvāja ... | Do. | 1 |
| 30 | Narasimha Bhaṭṭa ... | Ellam Bhaṭṭa ... | Gautama ... | Do. | 1 |
| 31 | Appayya Bhaṭṭa... | Tirumala Bhaṭṭa ... | Kaundinya ... | Do. | 1 |
| 32 | Appā Bhaṭṭa ... | Aubāla Bhaṭṭa ... | Do. | Do. | 1 |
| 33 | Gaṇapati Śāstri... | Raṅga Bhaṭṭa ... | Do. | Āpastamba | 1 |
| 34 | Sitāpati Bhaṭṭa ... | Mallu Bhaṭṭa ... | Do. | Do. | 1 |
| 35 | Sūryanārayaṇa Bhaṭṭa ... | Tirāvinaitirttār ... | Do. | Do. | 1 |
| 36 | Tirumala Bhaṭṭa ... | Mañchala Bhaṭṭa ... | Bhāradvāja ... | Do. | 1 |
| 37 | Viśvanātha Bhaṭṭa of Darbhāḷa. | Nāgam Bhaṭṭa ... | Śrīvatsa ... | Do. | 1 |
| 38 | Ellam Bhaṭṭa of Darbhāḷa | Vēṅgaḷa Bhaṭṭa ... | Do. | ... | 1 |
| 39 | The god Śiva ... | ... | ... | Do. | 1 |
| 40 | The god Viṣṇu... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| 41 | The Vēdas ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| | Total No. of shares ... | | | | 42 |

NO. XIV. THE TENKASI MAHAMANDAPA INSCRIPTION OF
VARAGUNA SRIVALLABHA.

This Sanskrit inscription is engraved upon the north wall of the mahāmāṇḍapa of the Viśvanāthasvāmin temple at Tenkāśi. It consists of three verses in three different metres and is written in Grantha alphabet. It records that a Pāṇḍya king named **Varaṇa Srivallabha** also known by the name of **Kulaśekhara** (v.2.), performed a *yāga* and on that occasion he consecrated a Vighnēśvara whom, the king named Yajñēśa Vighnēśvara, in commemoration of the performance of this *yāga*. Because he got a *yāga* performed,—according to the Dharma-śāstras, it is permitted to a kshatriya to request brahmanas to perform *yagas* in his name, and which Varaguna Srivallabha, claiming to be a kshatriya, got performed,—he styles himself a Dikshita, a title borne by those that have performed *yāgas*. We see the kings who succeeded this prince also adopting this title for themselves, a common trait with the later inglorious persons who always indulge in the past glories of their ancestors. The year of the inscription is given by the chronogram **sugamaka**, 1537 of the Śaka era.

T e x t.¹

1. श्रीमत्²चित्रन[दी] तटेवरगुणश्रीवल्लभक्षमापतिर्यज्वा³ स्थापयति स्म देवयजने यज्ञेशवि-
2. भ्रेश्वरम् । प्रादात् तत् पुरतोभिषेकपुरमित्याव[र] सत्तम⁴ श्रीयामृत्युभ्य⁵श्शकवत्सरे सुगमके तत्रा-
3. ग्रहारोत्तमम् ।[१ *]⁶ प्रसूयातपाण्ड्यकुलशेखरदेवयज्वा यज्ञेश्वराभिध गणाधिपतेः प्रतिष्ठाम् ।
4. कृत्वाभिषेकपुरमस्य पुरोग्रहारम् प्रादात् स्वदेवयजने निजयानकैभ्यः⁷ ।[२ *] अभिषेकपुरेदेवा-
[न्यज]-
5. न्तो य[१ *] जका[२ *] स्वयम् [१ *] दक्षिणस्यामश्ववते काश्यां कैदारसम्⁸ पदम् ॥ ३ *]⁹

Translation

Verse 1. In the Śaka year 1537 (denoted by) the chronogram *sugamaka*, the sacrificer, king Varaguna Srivallabha, set up on the bank of the (river) Chitrānadi (an image of Vighnēśvara (called) Yajñēśa during a sacrifice (i.e., in commemoration of a sacrifice performed by him), and there presented to the sacrificial priests an excellent *agrahāra* named Abhishēkapura, (situated) in front of it (the deity, which as it were was) the residence of wealth.

Vr. 2-3. Having consecrated during the sacrifice, a Gaṇēśa named Yajñēśvara, the sacrificer, the famous Pāṇḍya Kulaśekhara-dēva, gave to his priests the *agrahāra* (named) Abhishēkapura (built) in front of the deity. The sacrificial priests, who were themselves performing sacrifices, are enjoying the yield of the paddy fields in the (*agrahāra* of) Abhishēkapura at Kāśi (Tenkāśi).

1. From impressions prepared by me.

2. Read श्रीमच्चित्त०.

3. Read ०पतिर्यज्वा.

4. Read सत्त०.

5. Read मृत्विग्भ्यश्शक०.

6. Metre, शार्दूलविक्रीडितम्.

7. Metre, वसन्ततिलकम्.

8. Read संपदम्.

9. Metre. अनुबुप्.

NO. XV. SAMBUR-VADAGARAI INSCRIPTION OF
VARAGUNA SRIVALLABHA.

The subjoined inscription is engraved on the south wall of the *mahāmāṇḍapa* of the Mūlasthānēśvara temple at Śāmbūr-Vaḍagari. The language as also the alphabet of the inscription is Tamil and the record is well preserved. It states that the king Perumāḷ **Sivala-Māraṇ alias Varagunarāma Paṇḍya Kulaśekhara Somājiyār**, granted a sum of money for burning a perpetual lamp in the temple of Mūlasthānēśvara, in the name of Kālēri-aṇaiñjaṇ Paṇḍāram. The inscription is dated the Śaka year 1538, which is said to have corresponded with the **third year** of the reign of the king. The Tenkāsi record of this king is dated, as we have already seen in the Śaka year 1537; from the Śāmbūr-Vaḍagarai inscription edited below, we learn that the first year of the reign of this king must be Ś 1535 and therefore the *yāga* which Varagunarāma Kulaśekhara Paṇḍya celebrated must have been in the second year of the reign of the king.

Text (1)

1. சகாத்தம் தருநாடு அன் செல்லாநின்ற பூ [பெருமாள்] (2) சீவல மாறன் வாகுண-
[ரா]மனா பண்டிய குலசேகர சோமாசிபாற்கு ஆண்டு மூன்றாவது நா-
2. னுதை மீ உடுகை சவாமிபார் திருமுலனுதர் கோவில் சிகாரியர் தா[னீ]கர் கண-
க்கற்கு வரக்காட்டின காரியம் சித்தாத்தங்கரை கறவை கா-
3. னம் கிள[பறு] (3) மாயமானகுறிச்சி ஆபரில் மாவுண்டன் புள்ளியில் காலேரி
அண்ணஞ்சான் பண்டாரம் பே[ரா]ல் மாகாணி அரைக்க[ரணி]-
4. க்குதார் [பணம்] ௬ பாசாநா [பணம்] ௬ ஆகப்பணா ப்பன்னிரண்டு சவாமிக்கு
நெய்விளக்குக்குக் கட்டளையிட்டோடி அப்படியே-
5. ஆசந்திராற்கு சந்ததிப்பிறவேசமே சவாமியுடைய குடியாக க்கட்டளையிட்ட-
டோம்படியே கையயாண்டு கொ-
6. ள்ள[வும்] இப்படிக்குத் திருவுளப்படி [II*] ௪௦௭௭௭

Translation.

11. 1-2. When the Śaka year 1538, (which corresponded with) the third year (of the reign) of the king Paṇḍya Kulaśekharaḍēva Sōmājiyār *alias* Sivala-Varagunarāma, had expired; the 21st of the month of Tai in the year Naḷa, (instruction for the following) business was sent to the Śrikāryakāra, the Śthānikas and the accountants of the temple of the god Tirumūla-nāt;—ha

11. 2-4. In the name of Kālēri Aṇaiñjaṇ Paṇḍāram of Māvunḍanpulli, one of the cowherds belonging to Mānakuricchi, the eastern portion of the *karavai-kāṇam* lands on the bank of the Chittāru (river), from the *māgāṇi araiikkāṇi* (extent of land), we ordered that for the *kār* harvest 6 *paṇams* and for the *paśāṇam* harvest 6 *paṇams*, thus making an aggregate of twelve *paṇams*, be paid for (burning) a ghee lamp (before) the god.

11. 4-6. Thus we ordered that it shall remain the property of the god from generation to generation as long as the moon and the sun last. So let it be taken possession of (with this purpose in view). Thus by the royal will (this order was issued). Be it well.

(1) From inked impressions.

(2) An abbreviated form is employed to denote this word.

(3) Read கீழ்ப்புறமாய்.

NO. XVI. AND XVII. THE TIRUKUTTALAM PLATES OF SIVALA VARAGUNA-
RAMA ALIAS PANDYA KULASEKHARADEVA DIKSHITAR. Ś. 1670.

The accompanying two inscriptions are engraved on two copper-plates belonging to the temple of Kuttalanāthasvāmī at Tirukuttalam. They are both written in faulty Tamil, but are well preserved. They are said to be of the reign of a king, who is called the **Pāṇḍya Kulasekharadeva Dikshita** *alias* **Śivala Varāgunarāma**, who bears all the *birudas* of the later Pāṇḍyas. Since he comes about a hundred and thirty-five years after his name-sake, the performer of a *yāga*, he cannot be identical with him. But since the king of the present inscriptions bears his name, we might perhaps take him to be his grandson. Nothing more about this prince is known. He is the last known Pāṇḍya king and unless further discoveries disclose more of them, we might assume him to be the last.

The records employ a large number of contractions in expressions, which become often difficult to make out.

The Karnāṭaka army that is spoken of in the first record might, I am inclined to believe, refer to the army—(the Hindu section of it), of the Nabob of the Karnatic, for by this time the whole of southern Presidency had come under the rule of the Nabob of the Karnatic.

The second inscription is identical with the first in every thing except the donors. A *śāyarakashai kattaḷai* is established also by the Pillaimārs and the Mudalimārs and the conditions of payments by individuals are also identical with those of the first plate. So, this record is left untranslated.

Text

1. உ சரவிவாகன சகார்த்தம் (2) தூசுராளருந் மேல்ச்செ-
2. ல்லாநின்ற கொல்லம் சுகத்திறிபவனேகவீர (3) சந்திர-
3. குலப்பிறதிப (4) மதுராமகேந்திர சேந்தமங்கலப்புர-
4. ராவதீசர (5) செயமாசூர (6) நரசிங்க கோளதமோதி-
5. வாகர சோளசுந்து வடவாநல சங்கீத சாபுத்தியச-
6. ராறுவபூவ (7) தெய்வ(8)ப்பிராமணதாபனாசாரிய கோசடி-
7. லவன்மரான திறிபுவன சக்கிறவந்தி (9) கோனே[ரி]ன்மை-
8. கொண்டான் பூ பெருமாள் அளகம் (10) பெருமாள் யிற-
9. ந்த (11) காலமெடுத்த சீவலவரகுண ராம[பிர]ாண்டிய குலசேக-
10. ரதேவதீட்சதருக்கு ஆண்டு ஆவது கொல்லம் [சு]ராம-
11. னு பலனு காந்தி (12) மீர் (வ) உடுசு உ ஆதித்தவாரமும் உத்திர-
12. நட்செத்திர[ர]மும் (13) நவமியும் ஆபுட்க்கிரண நாமயோ-
13. கமும் கெசகரணமும் (14) சுபயோக சுபகரணமும் பெ-
14. ற்ற புண்ணிய (15) [தி]னத்தில் சுவாமி குத்தாலனாத (16) சுவா-

(1) From the original and the impressions.

(2) Read சகாப்தம்

(3) Read ஸ்ரீ திறிபுவனேகவீர

(4) Read ஓயிர்திப

(5) Read ஓபரவராதீசுவர

(6) Read கோமாதரம்

(7) Read சார்வபௌம

(8) Read தேவ

(9) Read சக்ரவர்த்தி

(10) Read அழகன்

(11) Read இறந்தம்

(12) Read கார்த்திகை

(13) Read நட்சத்திரமும்

(14) Read கஜரணமும்

(15) Read புண்ணியம்

(16) Read குற்றாலநாதம்

15. மி கோவில்ச் சாயலட்சைக் (17) கட்டளைக்கு இராச[ா]க்க-
 16. ள் கந்தைகமத்த உபயாணுவமும் (18) குடி [ப]டைசெய்-
 17. தொளிலாளியமும் (19) கட்டளை வைத்துக்கொடுத்த-
 18. து வருசம் (20) ஒன்றுக்குப் பல்லக்குக்காரருக்குப்ப-
 19. த்து பணமும் குதிரை சுறுட்டிக்காரருக்கு மூன்-
 20. றுபணமும் ராணுவத்துக்கு ஒரு பணமுமத்தக்குடி-
 21. படைக்கு ஒரு பணம் வீதம் இந்தப்படிக்குக்குமித்து
 22. நடத்தி வருவோமாகவும் உ இந்தப்படிக்கு உபய-
 23. ராணுவத்தார்த்தம்த்தைப் (21) பரிபாலனம் பண்-
 24. னின பேர் தெய்வப்பிரதிட்டை பண்ணின புண்ணி-
 25. யத்தில் அடைவாராகவும் [|| *] இதற்கு அகிதம்பண்ணி-
 26. ன பேர் மாதா பிதாவுக்குங்குருவுக்கும் அகிதம்
 27. பண்ணின தோஷத்திலேயும் கெங்கைக் (22) கரையிலே
 28. கோகத்தி பிரமத்திச் சிறிகத்தி (23) பண்ணின தோ-
 29. ஷத்திலேயும் போவாராகவும் உ இப்படிக்குத்தா-
 30. ன சாதனமாக குத்தாலனாத (16) சுவாமி சாயலட்-
 31. சைக் (17) கட்டளைக்கு உபயாணுவத்தார் பட்டை-
 32. யம் எழுதி (24) குடுத்தோம் [|| *] இந்தத்தந்தம்த்துக்க[ா]-
 33. ரிபம் திருவாடுதுறை (25) மடத்துப் பாரிசஞ்செய்-
 34. திருப்பதால்த் தந்தம் (21) பரிபாலனமாக நடத்து]-
 35. விச்சுக் கொள்வாராகவும் உ குத்தாலனாத[சு]- (16)
 36. வாமி துணை உ

ABRIDGED TRANSLATION

11. 1—2. The year 1675 of the Śālivāhana Śaka era had expired ;
 11. 2—8. The usual later Paṇḍya introduction here follows.
 11. 8—22. In the Kollam year 930 Bhava on the auspicious day, the 26th of (the month) Kārttigai, Sunday Uttara nakshatra the ninth *tithi* and Āyush-karana, in the reign of Perumāḷ Aḷaṅ Perumāḷ the Paṇḍya king Kulaśekharaḍēva Dikshitar *alias* Śivala Varaguṇarāma, who brought back the past (glory) ; the two armies, the one of the king of Karnaṭaka and those of the others, the farmers and other labourers established a *kattalāi* (a course of pūja and offerings) to be daily performed in the evenings : (for which) we agreed to pay annually each at the rate of ten *paṇams* for one who employs a palanquin : for horsemen, three *paṇams* ; for foot soldiers, one *paṇam* ; and for all others a *paṇam*. Thus we agreed to pay and conduct the *kattalāi*.
 11. 22—29. Those that protect this charity would obtain virtue, while those that wish evil to it shall incur sins.
 11. 29—32. Thus we executed this bond of charity for the evening services of the god Kuttalanāthasvāmin.
 11. 32—36. As this charity has been placed under the management of the Tiruvāḍuturai maṭha, it shall take care of the charity. May the grace of the god Kuttalanāthasvāmin (be with us).

(17) Read சாயலட்சை

(18) Read ராணுவமும்.

(19) Read தொளிலாளிகளும்.

(20) Read வருஷம்.

(21) Read தந்தம்

(22) Read கங்கை.

(23) Read கோஷத்தி, பிரம்மஹத்தி, ஸ்திரீஹத்தி,

(24) Read எழுதி.

(25) Read திருவாடுதுறை.

NO. XVIII.

Text (1)

FIRST SIDE.

1. ஁ சாலிவாகன சகார்த்தம் (2) தகூரளடுருன் மேல்ச்செல்-
2. லாநின்ற கொல்லம் சுகத்திறிபவனேக (3) வீர சந்திரகுலப்பி-
3. றதீப (4) மதுராமகேந்திர சேந்தமங்கலப்புராவலதீசர (5) செ-
4. ய மாசூர (6) நாரசிங்க [கோராதமோ] திவாகர சொளசின்னுவட-
5. வாநல சங்கீத சாயுத்திய சாறுவபவ (7) தெய்வப்பிரமாண [த]-
6. ரபனுசாரிய கோசுடிலவன்மரான திறிபுவனச் சக்கிவறத் (8)
7. தி கோனரி [ன்*] மைகொண்டான் ஸ்ரீ பெருமாள் அளகம் (9) பெ-
8. ருமாள் யிறந்த (10) காலமெடுத்த சீவலவாகுணராமபாண்டி-
9. ய குலசேகர தேவதீட்சதருக்கு ஆண்டு ஆவது கொல்லம் சு.
10. ராகுரு பவ ஹு கார்த்தீ (11) மீ (உ) உடுசு உ ஆதித்தவாரமும் உத்தி-
11. ரட்செத்தி [ர*]மும் (12) நவமியும் ஆயுட்க்கிரணநாம யோகமும்
12. கெசகரணமும் (13) சுபபோக சுபகரணமும் பெற்ற புண்ணிய- (14)
13. [தி]னத்தில் சுவாமி குத்தாலனாத (15) சுவாமி கோவில்ச் சாய-
14. லட்சைக் (16) கட்டளைக்குக் காராள த்திலகுலகமான க்கங்-
15. காகுலத்தரசான பிள்ளைமார் கட்டளையாக வச்சக்-
16. குமித்தது [1*] பல்லாக்குக்காற் [ஒன்று]க்கு [பணம்] (18) க மும் குதினா-
17. சறுட்டிக்காற் [பணம்] (18) ரு மும் தொளில்செய்து வருகிற பேர்
18. க யிர்த்தப்படிக்கு [சுவாமி] (19) குத்தாலனாத சுவாமி சாபலட்சைக்- (16)
19. கட்டளைக்குக்குதி நுடத்தி வருவோமாகவும் [11*] யிர்த (20) [ப்]ப-
20. டிக்குப் பிள்ளைமார்த்தம்மத்தைப் பரிபாலனம் பண்ணின-
21. பேர் தெய்வப்பிறதிட்டைபண்ணின புண்ணியத்தில் அடை-
22. வாராகவும் [11*] இதற்கு அகிதம் பண்ணின பேர் மாதா பித-
23. ராவுக்குங் குருவுக்கும் அகிதம் பண்ணினதோஷத்திலே-
24. யும் கெங்கைக் (21) கரையிலே கோகத்தி பிரமித்தித்திறிக-
25. த்தி (22) பண்ணின தோஷத்திலேயும் போவாராகவும் உ
26. இப்படிக்குத்தான சாதனமாக குத்தாலனாத (15) சுவாமிச-
27. ராயலட்சைக் (16) கட்டளைக்கு பிள்ளைமார்பட்டையம் எ-

(1) From the original and inked impressions.

(2) Read சகாப்தம்.

(3) Read ஸவலித திரிபுவனேக.

(4) Read பிரதீப.

(5) Read ஁ புரவராதீசுவர

(6) Read கோமாதர.

(7) Read சார்வபௌம தேவம்

(8) Read சக்கிரவர்த்தி.

(9) Read அழகம்.

(10) Read இறந்தம்.

(11) Read கார்த்திகை.

(12) Read கட்சத்திர.

(13) Read கஜ.

(14) Read புண்ணிய.

(15) Read குற்றவாத.

(16) Read சாயரகை.

(17) Read குலதிலகமான.

(18) Here, a symbol to express 'panam' is employed.

(19) A contracted form for svami is used.

(20) Read இத்தம்.

(21) Read கங்கை.

(22) Read கோஷத்தி, பிரம்மஹத்தி, ஸ்திரீஹத்தி

28. னுதி (23) குடுத்தோம் [||*] யிர்த்தத் (20) தற்மத்துக் (24) காரியம் காளாஞ்-
 29. சிப்பண்டாரம் யேர்த்துகொண்டு சந்திராதித்தர் உள்-
 30. எவரைக்கும் த்தற்மத்துக் (24) காரியம் பரிபாலனம் செய்யுது (25)
 31. வருவாராகவும் உ இப்படிக்கு க்குத்தாலனாத (15) [சுவாமி] (19) துணை உ

SECOND SIDE.

32. இந்தப்படிக்கு முதலிமார் பிள்ளைமார் தற்மத்தை (24) நடத்திவரு-
 33. வோ(ம்)மாகவும் உ
 34. உ இந்தத்தற்மம் (24) திருவாடுதுறை மடத்துப்பாரிசஞ்-
 35. செய்திருப்பதால் த்த[ற்]மம் (24) பரிபாலனமாக நடத்தி-
 36. விச்சுக்கொள்வாராகவும் உ குளல்வாய் மொளி-
 37. யம்மன் (26) துணை உ இந்த சாயலட்சைக் (16) கட்டளை-
 38. த்தற்மம் (24) பிள்ளைமார்]க்கு சபாபதி துணை உ

(23) Read எழுதி.°

(24) Read தற்ம.°

(25) Read செய்து.

(26) Read குழல்வாய் மொழியம்மன்.

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No. VII

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While editing his article on the 'Eight Vaṭṭeḷuttu Inscriptions of the Chōḷa Kings, published in 1898, Prof. E. Hultzsch has observed ⁽¹⁾ that "Prof. Buhler in his Indian Palaeography (p. 72, f, of the German Edition) and Mr. Venkayya in his paper on the Kōṭṭayam plates of Virarāghava (above Vol. IV., p. 293) have lately urged the necessity of publishing Vaṭṭeḷuttu inscriptions, the dates of which can be fixed with certainty. Hence I take this opportunity for issuing mechanical copies of eight Chōḷa Inscriptions. None of these is in a condition of complete preservation; but I trust that even in their necessarily imperfect state the accompanying *fac-similes* will prove useful for tracing the development of the Vaṭṭeḷuttu-alphabet." Since then only four more *fac-similes* of Vaṭṭeḷuttu inscriptions have been published; ⁽²⁾ nor are these of well preserved records. The complaint, that we have not got a sufficient number of plates of Vaṭṭeḷuttu inscriptions published, has been re-iterated by Mr. Venkayya in his Annual Report for the year 1906-7. Says he; "It is unsafe to base any definite conclusions solely on the Vaṭṭeḷuttu portion, because a sufficient number of inscriptions in that alphabet have not yet been published with photo-lithographic plates for comparison." ⁽³⁾ This paper is the first of a series intended to supply this want of Vaṭṭeḷuttu inscriptions with plates.

The sub-joined inscription is engraved on a black, hard stone on the back of which is sculptured in bas-relief a hero, with a bow in one hand standing facing the proper right. It is meant to represent Rapakirtti, in whose name and memory the stone was set up. The epigraph was discovered by the late Prof. Sundaram Pillai, M. A., of the Travancore Educational Service near Ārambōḷi, one of the frontier stations of the Travancore State. Recognising its antiquity and historical importance, he got the stone bearing it removed to the Trivandram Museum, where it is now set up on the southern side of the western or the main gate, exposed to wind and weather. The inscription in consequence is now somewhat worn out. I now edit it from the impressions prepared by my copyists.

The inscription under consideration is written on a neatly dressed surface which measures a foot by two and a quarter feet. It has been previously ruled and between every two lines the letters are engraved. There are on the whole eighteen lines but the last does not show any writing. The whole inscription is bounded on its four sides by four deep cut lines. The record is tolerably well preserved. Its alphabet is Vaṭṭeḷuttu of the same vertical type as that employed in the Tirupparangunnam inscription and the Madras Museum grant of Maṇṇajadaiyan. The peculiar shape of the letters *ṇ, t, n, r* and *ṇ*, which have their lower portions horizontal, is worth noting. In the later inscriptions the ends of the lower portions of these letters are curled upwards and inwards, lending them a roundish appearance (from which the alphabet derived its present name Vaṭṭeḷuttu, meaning the round characters.). The letter *ṇā* retains the older shape, roughly a semicircle with its opening turned below. The letter *y* is almost similar in form to the later *y*. The secondary *ā* in this record is also slightly different from the later symbol. The secondary *i* always tends to be on the top rather on the side of the consonants as in the later alphabet. This is a characteristic feature of the older forms both in the Tamil and Vaṭṭeḷuttu alphabets and affords us a test of the comparative antiquity of the record in which it occurs.

(1) Ep. Ind., Vol. IV., p. 41.

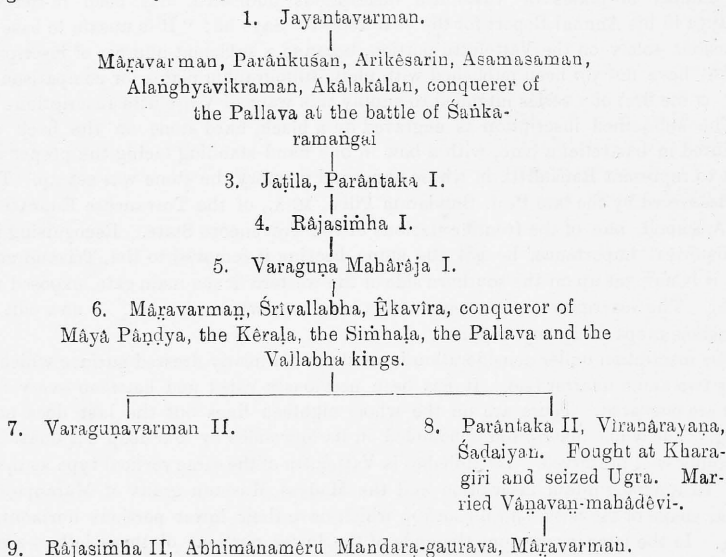
(2) "Three memorial stones" by Dr. Hultzsch, Ep. Ind., Vol. VII., pp. 22-25; and the Ambāsamudram inscription of Varaguna Pandya by Mr. Venkayya. Ibid., Vol. IX., pp. 84-94.

(3) An. Rep. on Ep. for 1906-7, p. 67.

The letter *no* occurring in *18*, in the compound *viññ-oryai* has the older form, which resembles roughly the Arabic numeral 2. The secondary *u* sign in *mū* and *vū*, occurring in the words *Perumūr* and *Koḷuvūr* in *11. 13* and *12* respectively, is added vertically below instead of, as usual, at the bottom of the right side of the consonants *m* and *v*. The language of the inscription is old Tamil and is defective in construction.

The inscription belongs to the 27th year of the reign of the Pāṇḍya king *Mārañjaḍaiyan* and records that in the battle of *Viliñam* the Pāṇḍya forces left the Chēra army in confusion outside *Viliñam* and retired to the fort of *Karaikkōṭṭai*. The Chēra army, later on rallying round, pursued the enemy and set themselves to destroy the fort of *Karaikkōṭṭai*. In this attempt they inflicted some loss on the Pāṇḍya forces and *Raṇakirtti*, a faithful servant of the Pāṇḍya king, fighting bravely, and killing several of the opponents, fell struck by the arrow of a man named *Tadaṇ Perum-tiṇai* of *Perumūr*.

The *Śiṇṇamaṇūr* plates of *Rājasimha II* discovered by Mr. G. Venkoba Rao ⁽⁴⁾ and the *Aṇaimalai* inscriptions discovered by myself and published by Mr. Venkoba Rao ⁽⁵⁾ form the starting point in the genealogy and chronology of the Pāṇḍyas. The former is said to yield the following pedigree for the early Pāṇḍyas :— ⁽⁶⁾



The information contained in this inscription is slightly different from that obtained from the other *Śiṇṇamaṇūr* grant, as also from that of the *Velvikūḍi* record. Until the texts of these most valuable documents are made available to the public, nothing could be said definitely about the accuracy of the genealogy.

⁽⁴⁾ Ibid, for 1907—8, p. 62.

⁽⁵⁾ Ep. Ind., Vol. VIII., p. 317.

⁽⁶⁾ I classify the Pāṇḍyas into three divisions, the Early, the Medieval and the Later Pāṇḍyas. The first class includes those as far as *Rājasimha II* and a few others; the second class comprises the large number of *Sundara Pāṇḍyas*, *Kulasēkhara Pāṇḍyas*, *Vikrama Pāṇḍyas* etc.; and the last consists of those who seem to have removed their capital to *Tinnevely* and were crowned in the *Viśvanāthasvāmin* temple at *Tenṇāśi* and were ruling as vassals under the *Vijayanagara* kings.

If the table given above is examined closely, it becomes apparent that the Pāṇdyas alternately bore the names **Māṇavarman** and **Jaṭilavarman** (Śaḍaiyaṇ), just in the same way the Chōḷa king called themselves alternately Rājakēsari and Parakēsari. Thus the kings Nos. 2, 6 and 9 in the table are called Māṇavarman while Nos. 3 and 8 are called Jaṭila, Śaḍaiyaṇ or Neḍuñjaḍaiyaṇ. From this we might conclude that Nos. 1 and 5 should have been also known as Śaḍaiyaṇ and No. 4, a Māṇavarman. I might go a step farther and state that the father of Jayantavarman (No.1) and his (No.1.) great grand-father must also be Māṇavarman or Neḍumāṇ. Let me now proceed to investigate the history of some of these king as gathered from inscriptions and literature, in so far as the latter does not militate against epigraphical results.

According to the Tiruttonḍa-ttōgai a decade of verses giving a list of the sixty-three Śaiva devotees of the Tamiḷ land sung by one of them, Sundaramūrtti Nāyanār, and according to the Periyapurāṇam of Śekkīlār, which deals with, in detail, the lives of these saints, the Pāṇḍya contemporary of the great saint, Tirujñānasambandar, was a Neḍumāṇ or Niṇṇa-śir-Neḍumāṇ (⁷) (Neḍumāṇ of lasting glory). This Niṇṇa-śir-Neḍumāṇ was also one of the sixty-three Śaiva devotees and had married Maṅgaiyarkkaśi, the daughter of the Chōḷa king. (⁸) His minister, Kulachchiraiyār, a native of Maṇamēṇkuḍi (⁹) was also another of the sixty-three. The age of Tirujñānasambandar has been fixed as the middle of the 7th century A. D. (¹⁰) From the Āṇaimalai inscription of Mārañjaḍaiyaṇ *aliās* Parāntaka (No. 3 of the above table) we learn that he belonged to the latter half of the 8th century. (¹¹) Calculating at the usual rate of thirty years for each generation, we find that the contemporary, of Tirujñānasambandar must be the great grand-father of Jayantavarman. (¹²) As a deduction from my generalisation I called him a Neḍumāṇ or Māṇavarman and this was precisely the name he bore according to the Tiruttonḍattōgai and the Periyapurāṇam.

(⁷) See Periyapurāṇam, The Life of Niṇṇa-śir-Neḍumāṇ, pp. 375-76, (Madras Edition).

(⁸) Ibid, The Life of Tirujñānasambandamūrtti Nāyanār, verses 603-658.

(⁹) Ibid, Th Life of Kulachchiraiyār, p. 244, verse 1.

(¹⁰) Ep. Ind., Vol. III., p. 278.

(¹¹) Ibid., Vol. VIII., p. 318.

(¹²) Jaṭila (No. 3) must have come to the throne some time after A. D. 760 the alleged period in which the battles at Śaṅkaramaṅgai, Nelvēlī etc., were fought between the Dramiḷas and Udayachandra, the general of Nandivarman Pallavamalla. One of the Dramiḷa kings who took part in these battles was, as would be seen in a subsequent portion of this paper, Jaṭila's father, Parāṅkuśa. So, he (Parāṅkuśa) must have lived till at least about A. D. 760 and possibly some time after that. Anyhow, A. D. 770 forms a limit for his existence; for, we know this year belonged to the reign of his son Jaṭila. We might take 770 or thereabouts to be the beginning of his reign. Hence, leaving Jaṭila, whose reign had begun in A. D. 770, I have deducted from 770 five times thirty years, for the five generations beginning with Parāṅkuśa up to the great grand-father of Jayantavarman; that is, 770—150=620 A. D. This gives approximately the beginning of the reign of the fifth ancestor of Jaṭila; so then, the middle of the reign of the fifth ancestor of Jaṭila would be the middle of the 7th century. This was established by another line of reasoning to be the age in which Tirujñānasambandar flourished, and visited the Pāṇḍya and converted him from the Jaina to the Śaiva faith. The synchronism between the Pāṇḍyas and the Pallavas would then be as follows :—

| Pāṇḍyas | Pallavas |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Māṇavarman (I) | Narasimhavarman (I) |
| Jaṭilavarman | Paramēśvaravarman (I) |
| Māṇavarman (II) | Narasimhavarman (II) |
| Jayantavarman | Paramēśvaravarman (II) |
| Parāṅkuśa | Nandivarman Pallavamalla |

Of these I identify the Māṇavarman, whom I have provisionally called the first, as the contemporary of the Śaiva saint, Tirujñānasambandar and the Niṇṇa-śir-Neḍumāṇ of the Periyapurāṇam

Of the kings who succeeded Māvarman, the contemporary of Tirujñanasambandar, down to Jayantavarman we know at present nothing definite and so let us pass on to the reign of **Parāṅkuṣa** *alias* **Arikēsari**, the son of Jayantavarman. I have elsewhere shown that he is the hero of a poem, three hundred and odd verses of which are quoted in the commentary of the classic Tamil work, the *Iṭaiyaṇār-agapporuḷ*. He is described therein as the victor in a battle that was fought by him at Śaṅkaramaṅgai with the Pallava. He fought with the Chera at Viḷiṇam, Kōṭṭāru, Pūlandai, Śévūr, Naraiyāru, and Kaḍayal. With some unmentioned opponents he fought the battles of Śennilam, Arukkudi, Paḷi, Māttūr, Nelveli, Vallam, Maṇarri, Kōḷattūr, Neḍuṅḡlam and Kuḷandai. He went by the various names Parāṅkuṣaṇ, Arikēsari, Raṇḍōdayan, Vijayacharitan, Śatrudurandaran, Vichāritan, Varōdayan and Mānadān¹³. The king mentioned in this poem must be No. 2 of the table; for, both of them have fought a battle at Śaṅkaramaṅgai and borne the names Arikēsari and Parāṅkuṣa.

For considerations which will be explained later on, we can take the Māraṇḍaḍaiyaṇ of our record as identical with No. 3 of the table and the same as the king mentioned in the Āṇaimalai inscription. The latter record is dated, as we know, in the year A. D. 770. Hence his father who is reported to have won a victory at Śaṅkaramaṅgai over the Pallava must, as Mr. Venkayya rightly surmised, be the contemporary of Nandivarman Pallavamalla, whose general Udayachandra is also said to have defeated the Dramiḷas at Śaṅkaraḡrama (Sanskritised form of Śaṅkaramaṅgai).¹⁴ The Tamil work already referred to mentions a battle fought at Nelveli by Neḍumāraṇ; the same place was, according to the Udayēndram plates of Nandivarman Pallavamalla, also the scene of an action between the Pallava and the Dramiḷas.¹⁵ From these facts we might rightly conclude that Arikēsari Māvarman *alias* Parāṅkuṣa was identical with the Neḍumāraṇ of *Iṭaiyaṇār-agapporuḷ*. If this conclusion is correct, the age of Nilakaṇḍaṇār, the compiler of the commentary of Nakkirar on the *Iṭaiyaṇār-agapporuḷ*, must have been after the first half of the 8th century.¹⁶

Referring to the Tirupparaṅḡṇam inscription of Māraṇḍaḍaiyaṇ, Mr. Venkayya wrote that "It now seems to me that the former (the Tirupparaṅḡṇam record) might be posterior to the latter, (the Madras Museum Plates). At any rate the identification of Māraṇḍaḍaiyaṇ must be based upon better evidence than the mere identity of the second portion of the two names."¹⁷ I confess I do not quite grasp the reason adduced by him in favour of his view. It appears to me that there is no difficulty in accepting the identity of the king mentioned in all the three inscriptions, the Madras Museum plates, the Tirupparaṅḡṇam and the Trivandram Museum stone inscriptions, with the king of the same name found in the Āṇaimalai record. For, the name Māraṇḍaḍaiyaṇ implies that Śaḍaiyaṇ or Jaṭilavarman was the son of Māraṇ¹⁸. Hence, the latter half of the name Māraṇḍaḍaiyaṇ is the proper name of the king, and as it is, the identity of this portion of the name is most important. Sometimes the simple name Śaḍaiyaṇ is amplified into Neḍuṇḍaḍaiyaṇ either because of the exigencies of metre or for diction, as in the Madras Museum plates etc. The same record states that Jaṭila or Neḍuṇḍaḍaiyaṇ bore also the name Parāntaka, the name by which he is called in the Āṇaimalai inscription.

⁽¹³⁾ Ind. Ant., Vol. XXXVII, pp. 198-8.

⁽¹⁴⁾ An. Rep. on Ep. for 1907, p. 108.

⁽¹⁵⁾ S. I. I., Vol. II., p. 364.

⁽¹⁶⁾ See Śendamil, Vol. VI., p. 59.

⁽¹⁷⁾ An. Rep. on Ep. for 1907, pp. 62-66.

⁽¹⁸⁾ Compare the name with the following that occur in inscriptions :—Parāntakaṇ-Kundavvai, Kṛṣṇaṇ-Ramaṇ, Paḷiyili-Śiriyanaṅgai, Nakkaṇ-Korri etc.

⁽¹⁹⁾ Ep. Ind., Vol. IX., p. 86, f. u. 13.

Again, there is a close resemblance in the Vaṭṭeluttu letters employed in these various documents which lends all probability to the notion that all these records belong to the reign of Jaṭila or Parāntaka. For the reasons given above the opinion of Mr. Venkayya seems doubtful.

He thinks that the Trivandram Museum inscription may be a record of the king Varaguna Paṇḍya, though, he says, this is not absolutely certain⁽²⁰⁾. As usual he does not give any reasons for his assumptions, nor does he state whether it is the first or the second Varaguna Paṇḍya of the table who is taken by him as identical with the king mentioned in the Trivandram inscription. I should think that the surmise of Mr. Venkayya is not correct as the alphabet employed in the Trivandram document belongs to a much earlier period than that of the time of Varaguna Paṇḍya, the first or the second. I believe that Maraṇḍajaiyaṇ of our record is the same as Parāntaka of the Āṇaimalai inscription and hence lived about the second half of the 8th century.

Having determined the age of Maraṇḍajaiyaṇ, let me summarise the history of his reign. The Uttara-mantri of this king in the year 770 A.D., was Māraṅkāri (Sans. Mārasūnu, Kāri the son of Māraṇ) *alias* Māvendamaṅgala-pṇṇaraiyaṇ, a native of Karavandapuram and belonged to the clan of *vaidyas*.⁽²⁰⁾ In his Madras Museum plates Maraṇḍajaiyaṇ calls himself a *parama-vaishṇava* and in conformity with the faith of his master and perhaps his own also, this Uttara-mantri began the excavation of the Narasiṅha shrine in the Āṇaimalai hill.⁽²¹⁾ His brother Māraṇ-Eyiyaṇ⁽²²⁾ *alias* Paṇḍi-maṅgala-viśaiyariyaṇ, who succeeded him to the place of Uttara-mantri after his death, completed the shrine.⁽²³⁾ In the 6th year of the reign of the king, his mahāsāmanta was Śāttan-Gaṇavadi *alias* Paṇḍi-amirdamaṅgala-varaiyaṇ.⁽²⁴⁾ Before the 17th year of his reign he had fought the battles of Viṇṇam, Veḷḷār and Śeḷiyakkuḍi with some unknown foes. He defeated Adigaṇ in the battles of Āyiraveli, Āyirūr, and Puḡaliyūr and drove the Pallava

⁽²⁰⁾ The Āṇaimalai Inscription, Ep. Ind., Vol. VIII.

⁽²¹⁾ It is curious to note that a shrine for Narasiṅha, the Brāhman Lion God, was excavated in the Āṇaimalai hill (the Jainia Elephant hill). Perhaps it was intended to symbolise that the lion of Brāhmanism put down the elephant, the Jainism.

⁽²²⁾ I owe this reading to Mr. G. Venkoba Rao.

⁽²³⁾ In his paper on the Āṇaimalai inscriptions, Mr. Venkoba Rao, reading the word *nirattali* as *nirttali* corrects it further into *nirtteli* and translates it as 'sprinkle water', 'consecrate' and compares the expression with the Sanskrit *prōkṣhaṇam*. The passage distinctly reads *nirattali*; there is no *pulli* over the letter *r*. As it is, the word is a compound of *nirattal* and *alittal*; *nirattu* means bring to order, completion or perfection and *alittal*, to bestow or confer upon. Hence the compound means 'to bestow upon (the public) after causing it to be completed'.

The second of the two Āṇaimalai records is taken by Mr. Venkoba Rao as a supplement to the first; Māraṅkāri, occurring in it, has been taken by him to be identical with Madhurakavi *alias* Mārasūnu of the first inscription. While admitting that Māraṅkāri excavated the cave and set up the image of the god in it and bestowed upon Brāhmanas immensely rich *agrahāras*, Mr. Venkoba Rao asserts that he died without consecrating it. The distribution of lands among the Brāhmanas etc., takes place always during the consecration ceremony and there is no need for him to have gone out of the way and say that the consecration was not yet over when the first record was engraved. The consecration was in fact performed but some minor works including the construction of the *mukha maṇḍapa* were left incomplete by Māraṅkāri and these were finished by his brother Māraṇ-Eyiyaṇ, as soon as he became the Uttara-mantri.

Again I cannot understand why, in an inscription which uses Sanskrit words such as *anujans*, *varggārōhaṇam* etc., freely, the Tamil word conveying in a way the sense of the Sanskrit word *prōkṣhaṇam* or *samprōkṣhaṇam* should have been employed. If the writer had the idea of consecration in his mind, I have no doubt, he would have used the word *prōkṣhaṇam* or some thing more expressive, in Sanskrit itself. I regret I am obliged to entirely differ from Mr. Venkoba Rao in this matter.

⁽²⁴⁾ Tirupparaṅṅum Inscription of Maraṇḍajaiyaṇ, Ind. Ant. Vol. XXII. p. 69.

⁽²⁵⁾ This is the modern Pērūr in the Coimbatore District. It is distinctly called Kāñchivay-pPērūr in the Periyapuram; "Kongir-Kāñjivay-pPērūr eṇṇegīṇār" (He, Sundaramurti, approached Kāñjivay-pPērūr in the Koṅgu country). See Ēyarkōṅkalikāma Nayanar purāṇam, verse 88.

and Chêra who came to his aid to the quarters from which they came. He then proceeded against the Kōngu country, captured its king alive and sent him to Madura, his capital, as a prisoner of war. Entering victoriously Kāñchivāyppērūr⁽²⁵⁾ he was pleased to erect there a large temple for Vishnu. Neduñjaḍaiyaṇ then turned his attention towards his southern neighbours. He invaded the Vēṇādu whose king he despatched to the other world. The stronghold of the Chêras, Viñṇam, was next destroyed. The king afterwards set about strengthening his frontier fort of Karavandapuram; he built strong and high walls of fortification and surrounded it with deep moats. In the same record he is styled Pañḍitavatsalaṇ, Virapurōghaṇ, Vikramapāraṇ, Parāntakaṇ, Parama-vaishṇavaṇ and Neduñjaḍaiyaṇ. His mahāsāmanta in the 17th year of his reign was Dhīratarāṇ Mūrtti-Eyaṇaṇ *alias* Viramaṅgalappēraraiaṇ and the commander of the elephant brigade (*mataṅga-jādhyaksha*) was Śaṅgaṇ-Śrīdaraṇ *alias* Paṇḍi-Ilaṅgomaṅga-lappēraraiaṇ of Koḷuvūr.⁽²⁶⁾

Mārañjaḍaiyaṇ once again invaded the Chêra country, defeated and left the Chêra army in confusion outside Viñṇam and retired to Karaikkōṭṭai. There, he was besieged by the Chêra army which caused some loss to his forces.⁽²⁷⁾

The name of the queen of Mārañjaḍaiyaṇ appears to be Nakkañ-Korri (Korri, the daughter of Nakkaṇ).⁽²⁸⁾

The following are the names of places that occur in this document: Viñṇam, Karaikkōṭṭai, Koḷuvūr and Perumūr, Viñṇam is at present a popular fishing village in S. Travancore. Koḷuvūr appears to be in the Pāṇḍya country and is mentioned in a number of inscriptions copied in the Madura and Tinnevely Districts. I am not able to identify Karaikkōṭṭai and Perumūr.

Text (1)

1. ஸ்ரீ கோமாதஞ்சடைபற் [கு இ]-
2. ருபத்தேழாமாண்டு [||*] சேரமா-
3. னர் படை விழுஞத்து (2) புறத்து
4. விட்டுழக்கக் கரைக்கோட்டை அழி-
5. ப்பான்வர பெருமானடிகளுள்-
6. [ன்பு] மிக்கூள (3) இரணகிர்த்தி [பு]-
7. ம் அமர்க்கழியும் உள்வீ-
8. ட்டிஞெற்றைச் சேவகர் கோட்-
9. டை அழிபாமை (4) காத்தெறி-

(25) The Madras Museum Plates.

(27) Trivandram Museum Inscription.

(28) Mr. Venkayya takes Nakkañ-Korri as the wife of Śāttaṇ-Gaṇavadi. My reasons for differing from him are; one, as soon as the date is given in the regnal year of the king, the inscription introduces Śāttaṇ-Gaṇavadi with the expletive particle *maru*: Nakkañ-Korri is also similarly introduced. Two, the king is referred to, in the first instance, that is, when Śāttaṇ-Gaṇavadi is spoken of, as *avaraku*, an honorific plural form of the third personal pronoun *avarukku*, whereas Śāttaṇ-Gaṇavadi is referred to only in the singular number, as in *sāmantaṇ*, *vaijyaṇ* and *araiyaṇ*. In the second instance, that is, while Nakkañ-Korri's name is mentioned, the same *avaraku* is used thereby referring the king. If she had been the wife of the *sāmanta*, to be consistent with the other portions of the inscription, she should have been described as *avarukku dharmma-panniyāgiya Nakkañ-Korri*.

(1) This inscription together with an eye copy has been published in the Travancore State Manual. I republish it from inked impressions prepared by my copyists.

(2) Read விழிஞத்து.

(3) Read மிக்கூள

(4) Read அழியாமே.

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10. ந்து பலரும் பட்ட இ-
11. டத்து இரணகீர்த்தி உள்-
12. வீட்டுச்சேவகன் கொழுஞ்-
13. ர்கூற்றத்துப் பெருமூர்-
14. த்தாதம் பெருந்திணை [அ]-
15. த்திரத்தாற் பலரொடு [ங்]-
16. குத்திப்பட்டான் (5) இ[ரு].
17. பது-கமாஸி.....

Translation.

In the twenty seventh year of (the reign of) the prosperous king Mārañjadaiyaṇ ; while the army of the Sēramāṇar that was left in confusion ⁽⁶⁾ outside Viḷuñam, came for the purpose of destroying (the fort of Karaikkōṭṭai, Irapakirtti (Ranakirtti) one of the very loving servants of the Perumāṇ (7) (the Pāṇḍya king, Mārañjadaiyaṇ) fought in defence of the fort together with the *orrai-chechevagar* of ulvīdu ⁽⁸⁾ against the army of the Chēra which was contending ⁽⁹⁾ to destroy it, and after stabbing several, died where several others had fallen, by the arrow of the *orrai-chechevagan* of ulvīdu, Tādan-Perundiṇai ⁽¹⁰⁾ of Perūmūr in the Koḷuvūr-kūṇṇam

⁽⁶⁾ I am not able to make out the sense of what follows.

⁽⁷⁾ *Uḷattal* means getting confused or distressed in mind. Cf. கண்ணிலான் பெற்றிழந்தானென உழந்தான் காலவேலான். The wielder of the spear that resembles Kāla (Yama), felt distressed like that blind man who lost his sight (immediately) after he got it (by a miracle). Kamba Rāmāyaṇam, Bālakāṇḍam.

⁽⁸⁾ Supreme lords are generally referred to as the Perumāṇaḍiḷal or Perumāṇ. We have the prominent instance of this usage among the Western Gaṅgas, who add *perumāṇaḍi* to their names as almost a part of it : e.g., Erāha-vemmaḍi, Rājamaḷia Perumāṇaḍiḷal, Nitimārgga Perumāṇaḍiḷal, etc. Madirai-koṇḍa Kō-pparakēgari varman is similarly styled Perumāṇaḍiḷal in the Kīḷ-Muṭṭuḡur inscription (Ep.Ind.Vol.) ; but Dr. Hultzsch, the editor of the paper on that inscription, suspects if it cannot refer to a Western Gaṅga king. It appears that this suffix is no characteristic of the Gaṅgas only. In the Kīḷ-Muṭṭuḡur inscription it refers to Parāntaka. He is called by the same appellation Perumāṇaḍiḷal and also Emberumāṇ in his Uttaramallūr inscriptions. (Nos. I and 2 of the Madras Epigraphist's collection for 1898).

⁽⁹⁾ Compare *malaiyāṇa orrai-chechevagar* occurring in an inscription of Tirukkōyilūr published by Dr. Hultzsch in Ep. Ind. Vol. VII. p. 141. There the compound has been interpreted as 'the unrivalled warriors of Malayāḷam'. It would surely have that meaning if *oru* instead of *orrai* had been used : for example, *oru tāṇ-āgi*, being oneself unrivalled by others ; *oru sūlar*, 'the unrivalled light', (the sun) ; *oru sēvagan*, 'the unrivalled warrior' etc. *Orrai* always signifies single, one only as opposed to many ; e.g., *orrai-kkāsu*, 'a single cash', *orrai-kkāl Ori*, 'the single-legged Ori' etc. *Orrai-chechevagar* might possibly be related to the word *orru* meaning a spy : the term *orrai-chechevagar* might then be taken to mean the soldiers who are employed as spies.

⁽¹⁰⁾ *Amar-kalīdal* is a compound made of *amar* and *kalīdal* meaning *battle* and *finishing* respectively. The literal meaning of the compound therefore is finishing the battle.

⁽¹¹⁾ Perundiṇai appears to be the name of an office, and is here applied to the holder of it.

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No. VIII

Six Chola Inscriptions at Kanya-Kumari.

SIX CHOLA INSCRIPTIONS AT KANYA-KUMARI.

Five out of the six inscriptions edited below were copied from the **Guhānāthasvāmin** temple at **Kanyākumārī**. They are all written in Tamil language and alphabet and are generally in a good state of preservation. The old name of the temple was, according to its inscriptions, **Rājarājesvaram**, evidently called after **Rājarāja**, the Great, of the Chōla dynasty. **Kanyā-kumārī** is, in some inscriptions, called **Kaṭikkūṭi** and is said to have been situated in the **Puṇattāya-nāḍu**, a sub-division of the **Uttama-sōla-vaḷa-nāḍu**, in the **Rājarāja-ppāṇḍi-nāḍu** (or *maṇḍalam*).

The **Guhānāthasvāmin** temple is at present situated at a distance of about half a furlong from the **Brāhman** village of **Kanyākumārī**, and is in a bad state of repair. Round the *adytūm* there is a dark circuit, (now filled with bats and snakes), which seems to have given the temple its present name.

No. 1.

The subjoined inscription is engraved on the south base of the *arddha-maṇḍapa* of the **Guhānāthasvāmin** temple. The end of the last four lines are built in but the purport of the record is easily made out without it.

It belongs to the twenty-fourth year of the reign of **Parakesarivarman Rājendra-choḷadeva**, who took the 'eastern country, the Gauges and Kaḍāram'. It records that **Soḷa-kula-valli**, the woman who cooked the meals for the king and who belonged to **Pālaiyūr Tiṭṭai** in the **Poliyūr-nāḍu**, a sub-division of **Arumoliḍēvavaḷa-nāḍu**, made a gift of fifty sheep for a perpetual lamp. They seem to have been taken charge of by a person who bound himself to supply daily one *uḷakku* of ghee as measured by the temple measure called **Pavittira-māṇikkam**, for burning the lamp.

Text (1)

1. ஸ்ரீ ஸ்ரீ [||*] சூர்வீழேசுமம் மங்கையுந் கடாமுங்கொண்டருளின கோ- (2)
2. ப்பரசேசரிபன்மராயின உடையார் ஸ்ரீ ராஜேந்திரசோழ தேவர்க்-
3. குயாண்டு இருபத்து நாலாவது [||*] ராஜராஜப்பாண்டி நாட்டு உத்த-
4. ம சோழவளநாட்டுப் புறத்தாயநாட்டு குமரி ராஜராஜ [சு]ஸூ-
5. ம் உடையார்க்கு உடையார் ஸ்ரீ ராஜேந்திர சோழதேவர்க்கு திருவமுது அடும்
6. பெண்டாட்டி அருமொழிதேவவளநாட்டுப் புலியூர்நாட்] டிப் பாழையூர் தி-
7. ட்டை சோழகுலவல்லி வைச்ச திருநூந்தாவினக்கு ஒன்றுக்கு வைச்ச சா-
8. வா மூவாப்போடு ஐம்பது [||*] இவ்வாடு ஐம்பதுந்கொண்டு இத்தேவர்
9. நாழி பவித்திர
10. த்த நெய் உ[ழ]
11. ட்டுவதாகக்
12. வன வியான் (4)

(1) From inked impressions prepared by any copyists. (No. 13 of 1085 M. E).

(2) The letters *ppa* are engraved next to *kk*, but seems to have been rejected, as the next line begins once again with the same letters *ppa*.

(3) The letter *i* is engraved above the line.

(4) The last four lines have their ends built in.

Translation.

II. 1—3. Hail ! Prosperity ! (In) the twenty-fourth year of (the reign of) **Parakesarivarma** *alias* Uḍaiyār **Śrī Rājendrachoḷadeva**, who took 'the eastern country, the Ganges and Kaḍaram'.

II. 3—8. Śōla-kula-valli, of Palaiyūr Tiṭṭai in the Puliyūrnāḍu of the Arumoliḍeva-vaḷa-nāḍu, the woman who cooked the food for Uḍaiyār Śrī Rājendraśōḷadeva, set up a perpetual lamp, (to be burnt before) the god, Rājarājesvara, of Kumari, (which is situated) in the Puṇṇataya-nāḍu, (a sub-division) of the Uttama-śōla-vaḷa-nāḍu, in the Rājarāja-ppāṇḍi-nāḍu ; (to maintain this lamp) she gave fifty large sheep, which neither die nor become old.

II. 8—12. Having received these fifty sheep naviyāḷan (bound himself) to supply a *ulakku* of ghee (as measured by the) *nāḷi* called the Pavittira (mānikkam).

No. II.

This record is engraved on the north base of the central shrine of the Gubānāthasvāmin temple. It is dated the thirtieth year of the reign of **Rājakesarivarma Rājādhirājadeva**, who took the 'head of Vira Pāṇḍya, Īlam and the *śālai* of the Chēra'. It records that the supply of salt that was being received from the salt-pans of Maṇaṅkuḍi for the **Śrivalabbha-pperuṅḷalai** *alias* the **Rājarāja-pperuṅḷalai**, situated in the village of Kaḷikkūḍi, had for some time been discontinued. This charity was revived by the king at the request of **Arikulakesari** *alias* **Pavittiramānikka-ttonga-pperaraiyan** of Tiṭṭai, who was holding some sort of office under the queen, **Ulagamuḷuduḍaiya-pirāttiyār**. The royal order was addressed to the officers who supervised and taxed the salt-pans in the Rājarāja-tteṇṇāḍu, belonging to the Rājarāja-ppāṇḍi-nāḍu. In the olden days it was the custom of the Maṇaṅkuḍi salt-pans to set apart a *nāḷi* of salt for each *kalam* of it that came in or went out of the pans, as *uṇai* for the use of the Śrivalabbha-pperuṅḷalai. The king ordered that this custom should be once more adopted.

The term *uṇai* is even now commonly used in the Trichinopoly and Tanjore Districts. When grain or other things are measured, for every stated quantity, say sixty *marakkāls* as it now is in the Trichinopoly district, a handful of the article measured is kept, as a mark, in a small heap. The number of such heaps give the number of sixty *marakkāls* measured. That quantity of the grain etc. that is kept as an index of measure, is called the *uṇai*. The measurer, when he measures, cries aloud the number of *marakkāls* he is measuring and when he finishes the fifty-ninth cries out '*aṇubadukku uṇai*', meaning a *uṇai* for (this) sixty. In the case of the salt to be used as *uṇai* for each *kalam*, it was not a handful but a *nāḷi* that was ordered to be set apart.

Evidently the *śālai* or the boarding house was originally established by (perhaps a Pāṇḍya king by the name of) Śrivalabbha. After conquering the Pāṇḍya country, Rājarāja seems to have, as is usual with him, changed the name into Rājarāja-pperuṅḷalai. But old names generally never die out by the mandate of any king; therefore the old and the new names have often to be coupled for at least a short time till the people get accustomed to the new name. Thus, Talaikkāḍ, the capital of the Gaṅgas, was renamed Rājarājapuram, when, Rājarāja stormed and took it. But it had to be called Talaikkāḍ *alias* Rājarājapuram. In some instances the old names died out giving place to the new and often the new perished without affecting, in any manner, the old one, as for instance Talaikkāḍ, which even to this day retains this name.

The village of Maṇaṅkuḍi, which is a very important salt producing centre of the Travancore State even at the present day, is situated in the Agastisvaram Tālūka of the Padmanābhapuram Division. In the inscription, it is called Mahipāla-kula-kāla-ppēraḷam, (the great salt

district of Mahipalakula-kāla). We know that of the several kings vanquished by Rājēndrachōlādēva I., Mahipāla was one. The name therefore has been given to it after this surname, Mahipāla-kula-kāla, of Rājēndrachōlādēva.

From the fact that the salt officers are mentioned to belong to the Rājarāja-tteṇṇāḍu, we can infer that there was a regular Salt Department with officers in all the salt producing districts, just as we have at the present day.

The names of the places that occur in the inscription are Kalikkudi, Maṇarkudi and Tiṭṭai. In No. IV edited below it is stated that Kalikkudi was the other name of Kanyā-kumāri. Maṇarkudi we have already identified. Tiṭṭai is in the Tanjore district.

Text (1)

1. ஸ்ரீ [||*] வீரபாண்டியன் தலைபுயம் சேரலன் சாலையும் இலங்கெயும் தண்டாற்
கொண்ட [கோவிரா]ஜகேசரி-
2. பம்மரான உடெயார் ஸ்ரீ ராஜாதிராஜதேவர்க்கு யாண்டு முப்பதாவது ராஜராஜப்பாண்-
டிநாட்டு உத்தமசோழவளநாட்டு புறத்-
3. தாயநாட்டுக் கழிக்குடி ஸ்ரீ வல்லவப்பெருஞ்சாலைய[ர]ன ராஜராஜ பெருஞ்சாலைக்கு
நாஞ்சினாட்டு மணற்குடியான மஹி-
4. பா[ள] (2) குலகாலப்பேரமுத்து கெ(ய்)உறெ கொள்ளுமுப்பு முட்டிகிடகமெ-
யில் ராஜாதிராஜதேவர்க்கு உலகுடையபிராட்டியா-
5. ர் திருப்பள்ளித் தொக்கனுடெயான் திட்டெயரிசுலகேசரியான பளித்திரமாணிக்-
கத்தொங்கப்பே[ர*]ரெயன் விண்ணப்பஞ் செய்துகொடுவந்த திரு-
6. முகப்படி [||*] கோனேர் இன்மெ கொண்டான் ராஜராஜப்பாண்டிநாட்டு ராஜராஜத்-
தென்னாட்டு உப்பனங்கமுக்கு (3) கூறு செய்வார் கழுக்கு (3) கண்காணி செய்வார் கழுக்-
கும் (3) குமரி ஸ்ரீ-
7. வல்லவப்பெருஞ்சாலையான ராஜராஜப்பெருஞ்சாலைக்கு உத்தமசோழவளநாட்டு நாஞ்சி-
னாட்டு மணற்குடியான மயில்வாள் (2) குலகாலப்பேரன த்து உப்புமு-
8. தலிலும் செலவிலும் கலத்துவாய் நாழிகெய்யுறெகொண்டு இச்சாலைக்கு முன்புநிவ
ந்தம் செலு [த்]திவந்தமெயில்லிப்போது உப்பு உறெ பிடித்து.
9. கொள்ள [வி?] கெலிரென்று கேட்டோம் [||*] முன்பு இப்பரி[சு] செய்-
10. து வரு[ம்] ...கில் உறை உப்பு மு[த்]திலும் செலவிலும் கல-
11. த்துவராய் நா [ழி] உறை உப்பு ராஜராஜன் பெருஞ்சாலை ச-
12. . . வச[ம்] . . டட[ரு]டுக்க [ள]ன்று திருமந்திராலை செம்பியன் தென்-
13. . . னநாட்டுக்கோனர் எழுத்தினல் திருமுகம் பிரசாதஞ்செய்த[ரு]ளி வச்ச திருமுக-
ப்படி.

Translation.

11. 1—2. Hail! Prosperity! (In) the thirtieth year of the (reign of) the king **Rajakesari-varman** alias Uḍaiyār Śrī **Rājādhīrājadeva**, who took, with the help of his army, the head of Vira Paṇḍya, the *śālai* of the Chēralaṇ and Ceylon.

11. 2—6. (This is) the royal order obtained on the petition of Tiṭṭai Arikulakēsari (that is, of Tiṭṭai) alias Pavittiramāṇikka-tōṅga-ppēraraiyaṇ, who was (or held the office of) the

(1) From inked impressions.

(3) Read ஓசுக்கு

(2) Read மஹிபால பேரனத்து

tiruppallittōṅgal under **Ulaḡuḡaiyapirāttiyār**, the queen of Rājādhirājadēva, regarding the *kai-urai* of salt (the supply of) which was received from the great salt district of Maṇarkuḡi in the Nāñjināḡu, for the Śrivalabha-pperuñ-jālai *alias* Rājārāja-pperuñ-jālai at Kaḷikkūḡi situated in the Puḡattāyanāḡu, a sub-division of the Uttamaśōla-vaḷa-nāḡu, belonging to the Rājārāja-ppāṇḡi-nāḡu.

11. 6—9. (This order is addressed) to those (officers) who assign taxes and those who supervise the salt pans in the Rājārāja-tteṇ-nāḡu of the Rājārāja-ppāṇḡi-nāḡu of the unrivalled among kings.

“ We heard that you do not permit the Śrivalabha-pperuñ-jālai *alias* Rājārāja-pperuñ-jālai, to take, in the old customary manner, the *urai* salt at the rate of a *nāḷi* per *kalam* of salt, that is added to (the stock) or spent (from it), in the salt district of Maṇarkuḡi *alias* Mayilvāḷa-kulakāla-ppēraḷam in the Nāñjināḡu, (a sub-division) of the Uttamaśōla-vaḷa-nāḡu.

“ You shall (henceforth) give, as of old, through the (*śāttars*) of the Rājārāja-pperuñ-jālai, the *urai* salt at the rate of a *nāḷi* per *kalam* added to or spent from the stores.”

(This is engraved here) in accordance with the royal order written down in the writing of the (officer called) *irunandira-ōlai*, Śāmbiyaṇ Teṇ . . . ṇāṭṭa Kōṇar.

No. III.

On the north wall of the first *prāra* of the Kanyākumāri temple is engraved the accompanying large inscription of the reign of **Rājendradeva**. It is not in a very good state of preservation. However, it is not difficult to make out the whole of the important portions of it. The record is dated the fourth year of the reign of the king **Parakesarivarman Rājendradeva**. At the time of the grant the king was seated on the cot called the Kaḡuveṭṭi in the palace, Kēraḷaṇ-māḷigai, in the capital city of Gaṅgaikoṇḡasōḷapuram. The king commanded that from the fourth year the taxes on the various articles mentioned, which were collected from the *dēvaḡānam* villages of the goddess Kanyākumāri, of the Rājārājesvaraṇ and of the Rājārāja-pperuñ-jālai and which seem to have been utilised for the public purposes of the villages, be set apart as follows :—(1), the taxes from the *dēvaḡānam* villages of Kanyākumāri to be utilised for the celebration of a festival on the day of the *janma-nakshatra* (natal star) of his queen **Kiḷāṇaḡigai**; (2), those from the villages of Rājārājesvara, for the expenses of the temple; (3), those collected from the villages of the Rājārāja-pperuñ-jālai, for its expenses.

In the historical introduction at the beginning of the inscription the king is said to have taken the Raṭṭappāḡi seven and a half lakhs, defeated Āhavamalla at Koppam on the banks of the Pēraḡu, took his elephants, horses, women and treasures and performed the *Virābhishēka*.

Kanyākumāri is herein called Gaṅgaikoṇḡachōḷapuram, evidently after Rājendrachōḷadēva. It is remarkable that this document has a very large number of names of officers of the various branches of the revenue administration. A number of taxes is also mentioned; of these some are intelligible and others are not.

Text. (1)

1. ஸ்ரீ ஸ்ரீ [] கோநேர் இன்மெம்கொண்டான்
2. பாண்டு நாலு நாள் தாற்றெம்பத்து நாலினால் இரட்டபாடி ஏழைரை இலக்கமுங்கொண்டு போற்றற்கரைக் கொப்பத்து ஆறுவமல்லனை அஞ்சனித்து ஆனையுங்-
3. குதியையும் பெண்ணுர் பண்டாழுங்கொண்டு விஜய அஷேசஞ்செய்து வீரஸ்ஹானத்து வீற்றிருந்தருளின கோப்பரகேசரிபன்மரான உடையார் ஸ்ரீராமேந்திரதேவர் கங்கைகொண்ட-]-

(1) From inked impressions.

4. சோழபுரத்து தோளன் மாளிகையில் டெ[வ] டெ பானத்-
துக்காடுவெட்டியில் எழுந்தருளி இருந்து ராஜராஜப்பாண்டிநாட்டு உத்தம சோழவள-
நாட்டுப் புறத்தாயநாட்டுக் குமரியான க[ங்]-
5. [கொ]ண்ட சோழபுறத்துக் கன்னிய[ர] படாரியார் தேவதான [மான ஊர்கள்
க]டவ ஊர்க்கழஞ்ச குமரக்கச்சாணமு மீன்பா(ர)ட்டமும் உ[ள்ளி]ட்ட தி-
6. கட்டமும் மோரமும் இலைவாணியப்பாட்டமும் திங்கன்க்காசம் காலள[வு]
. பாடிகாவல்கூலியும் (1) கால்கூலியும் கோல்கூலியும் ஆட்டுப்பாட்டமும் பேர்-
முதலாயமும் தாகுகூலியும் உ-
7. அந்தராயங்கள் கரைக்குடலாய் வருகின்றபடி யாண்டு நாலாவது முதல் தவிரந்து
நம்பெண்டுகளில். கிழானடி பிறந்த அத்தத்தினால் இத்தேவர்க்கு திங்கள் விழா
எழுந்தருள -
8. ண்டும் நிவந்தங்களுக்கு இறுப்பதாகவும் [||*] இவ்வூர் ராஜராஜ ஈனாமு
டெபார் தேவதானமான ஊர்கள் கடவ ஊர்க்கழஞ்ச குமரக்கச்சாணமுமீன் பாட்டமும்
தறி இடெறெ தட்டார்பாட்டம் உள்ளிட்ட சீழிடுறெப்பா -

Continued on the north wall.

9. யாரமும் இலைவாணியப்பாட்டமும் காலளவுபாட்டமும் பாடிகாவல்கூலியும்
ஆட்டுப்பாட்டமும் பேர் முதலாயமும்...கூலியும் உள்ளிட்ட அந்தராயங்கள் கரைக்குட-
லாய் வருகின்ற[படி] யாண்டு நாலாவது மு[தல் த]விரந்து இத்தேவர்க்கு வேண்-
10. டிநிவந்தங்களுக்கு இறுப்பதாகவும் [||*] இவ்வூர் ராஜ ராஜன்சாலைக்கு சாலாபோகமான
ஊர்கள் கடவ ஊர்க்கழஞ்ச குமர[க்]ச்சாணமும் மீன்பாட்டமும் மோரமும் இலைவாணி-
யப் பாட்டமும் காலளவுபாட்டமும்
11. பாடிகாவல்கூலியும் ஆட்டுப்பாட்டமும் பேர்முதலாயமும் தாகுகூலியும் உள்ளிட்ட
அந்தராயங்கள் கரைக்குடலாய் வருகின்றபடி யாண்டு நாலாவதுமுதல் தவிரந்து இச்சா-
லைக்கு வேண்டு[ந்நி] வந்தங்களுக்கு இறுப்பதாகவும் [||*] ஆக இப்படியாண்டு நாலாவ-
12. துமுதல் இறையிலியாக வரியிலிடைத்திருவாய் மொழிந்தருளிநூர் என்று திருமந்திரவோலை
ஜயங்கொண்டசோழ மகதராஜன் எழுத்தினாலும் திருமந்திரவோலை நாயகம் உத்தம
சோழகோனும் ராஜராஜஸ்ரஹ்மாராயனும் காலிங்கராஜனும் தொண்டைமானும்
13. திரிபுனவல்லப வன்னுடையானும் மூவேந்தர் சோழக்கந்திருவப்பெ[ரி]யானும் ஒப்-
பிட்டுப்புகுந்த (2) கேழ்விவரியிலிட்டுகோள்க வென்று வில்லவராஜரும் காமிவெட்டிகளும்
ஏவ இவர்கள் ஏவினபடியே(ய்) உடன்கூட்டத்து அதிகாரிகள் ராஜராஜமழவராஜரும்
ராஜராஜ-
14. ச்சோழ ஸ்ரஹ்மாராயரும் ஜயங்கொண்டசோழவிழுப்பரையரும் அதிராஜேந்திர மூவே-
ந்த வேளாரும் ராஜராஜ அனுக்கபல்லவராயரும் திருச்சிற்றம்பல மூவேந்த வேளாரும்
ராஜகேசரி மூவேந்த வேளாரும் உத்தம சோழத்திருவிந்தனூர்நாட்டு மூவேந்தவேளா-
ரும் மஹிபாலைய் (3) விழுப்பரையரும்
15. அழகியசோழ மூவேந்த வேளாரும் ஜனனாதநல்லூருடையார் காளி ஆதித்தகோன் ரா-
ஜேந்தி மூவேந்த வேளாரும் பரசிவமங்கலமுடைய ராமனச[னி] ஒலோகபுத்-

(1) Read கூலியும்.

(2) Read தேன்வி

(3) Read மஹிபாலம்

- திரனான நிருபேந்திரசோழ மூவேந்த வேளாரும் சிவ்னமுடிபுடையார் பற்பபுபன் பள்ளிகொண்டனாராயண வ (?) நாராயண மூவேந்த வேளாரும் ஸ்ரீ-
16. பல்லவரையும்[நடுவொ]க்கும் கொற்றமங்கலத்து பற்பநாபசே[ர]பரசய . . தானார் சக்கரபாணி ஸ்ரீஹ்நப்பிட்டரும் விடையல் அதிகாரிகள் சொழமூவேந்த வேளாரும்] மும்முடி சோழப்பல்லவரையும் ஜயங்கொண்ட சோழ சேநாமுகமூவேந்த வேளாரும் உத்தம்சோழமூவேந்த வேளாரும் மனுகுல-
17. மூவேந்த வேளாரும் உய்கொண்டசோழ மூவேந்த வேளாரும் நித்த வினோத மூவே-ந்த வேளாரும் கூத்திரசிகாமணி (1) மூவேந்த வேளாரும் கங்கைகொண்டசோழ மூவே-ந்த வேளாரும் உதைய மாத்திராண்ட மூவேந்த வேளாரும் கங்கைகொண்ட சோழப்ப-ல்லவரையும் பார்த்திவேந்த (2)மூவேந்தவேளாரும் [ந]ரபாலதொங்க மூவேந்த வேளா-ரும் ராஜராஜ அனுத்திரப்பல்லவன[ர]-
18. யரும் அறிஞ்சிகை விழுப்பரையும் அபிமானமேரு மூவேந்த வேளாரும் மதுராந்தக விழுப்பரையும் சிங்கநாத (3)மூவேந்த வேளாரும் விக்கிரமசோழ மூவேந்த வேளா-ரும் வளவன் மூவேந்தவேளாரும் வீரசோழ மூவேந்த வேளாரும் சுந்தரசோழப்பல்-லவரையும் அதுலபாக்கிர[ம*] மூ-
19. வேந்த வேளாரும் அமுகிபசோழ மூவேந்த வேளாரும் பார்த்திவே (4) விழுப்பரையும் வில்லவன்மூவேந்த [வே*]ளாரும் வீரபாண்டிய மூவேந்த வேளாரும் வழிதிசுலாந்தக [மூ]வேந்த வேளாரும் ராஜாதித்த மூவேந்த வேளாரும் தெலுங்ககுலகால மூவேந்த-வேளாரும் ஜயங்கொண்ட சோழ[ம*] மூவேந்த வேளாரும் கிடாரங்கொண்ட சோழ மூவே-
20. ந்தவேளாரும் பூகாந்த மூவேந்த வேளாரும் மீனவன் மூவேந்த வேளாரும் ஒலோக விஜ-ஜாதிர மூவேந்த வேளாரும் ராஜே (5) திருந் ழூர் நாட்டு மூவேந்த வேளாரும். . . உத்தரமதெரியாரும் நிறைமதிசோழ [மூ]வேந்த வேளாரும் வளவகேசரி மூவேந்த வேளாரும் நடுவிரக்கும் ஸாஹணை [சு]திராத்திரயாஜிபாரும் கே[ர]ளம்-
21. கலத்துப்பட்டச்சோமயாஜிபாரும் பசுலை பெரியநம்பியும்[ம]ஹாஹிதாங்கியாரும் வ[வ] உள்வவரி தீணைக்களத்துக்கண்காணி குமரவிஜாதர மூவேந்த வேளானும் கோதண்ட-ராம மூவேந்த வேளானும் அதிசய சோழ மூவேந்த வேளானு மூவேந்தி. சேர-மூவேந்த வேளானும் ஜயங்கொண்ட சோழலோக வே-
22. ளானும் புரவரிதீணைக்களம் அரிந்தவன் மூவேந்த வேளானும் விக்கிரம சோழபாண்டிய மூவேந்த வேளானும் வளவசுந்தர மூவேந்த வேளானும் குலையிதிவாகர மூவேந்தவே-ளானும் தேவமங்கலமுடையானும் [சு]ரதொங்க மூவேந்த வேளானும் வீரநாராயண மூவேந்த வேளானும் வரிப்போத்தகம் விடற்கருடையானும் சிற்றம்பல உடையா-
23. னும் சுந்தரசோழ நல்லுருடையானும் முகுவெட்டி மணற்குடையானும்(6) . . . த்த

(1) Read கூத்திரியம்

(2) Read பார்த்திவேந்தம்

(3) Read சிங்கநாதகம்

(4) Could be it திருவித்தூர்?

(5) Compare புதுக்குடையான், occurring in No. 40 of the South Indian Inscriptions, Vol. I, p. 66, as also the foot-note on this name. புதுக்குடையான் does not mean, one who owns a new umbrella and therefore one who has been raised to royal dignity, but it is a corruption of புதுக்குடியுடையான். Compare the names மணற்குடையான் (= மணற்குடியுடையான்), வடுகக்குடையான் (= வடுகக்குடியுடையான்), பருத்திக்குடையான் (= பருத்திக்குடியுடையான்) etc.

ங்குடையானும் ஆந்தெகிழானும் சோழமாதேவி உடெயானும் வல்லமுடையானும்-
வலிக்குடெயானும் மடுமுடிர் உடையானும் வரிப்போத்தக்கணக்குச் சங்கத்தி-
மங்கல முடையானும் பருத்திக்குடையானும் முா . . .

24. கந்த நல்லூருடெயானும் வரியிலீடு பாவெ உடெயானும் கீரமங்கலமுடெயானும்
நாவல்லூருடெயானும் [ஆட்]சிபாட்டமும் ககொப்போரல் கடமெயும் [கடமெ] .
. . . விக்கிரம சூளாமணி மூவேந்த வேளானும் நெற்குப்பெ உடெயானும் கிழாற-
வாருடெயானும்
25. வரியிலீடுத்த புரவு வரிதிணைக்களநாயகம் ஏவ கந்தா மூவேந்த வேளானும் ஆட்சிபாட்-
டமும் ககொப்போரல் கடமெ . . . எழுதும் விக்கிரம சூளாமணி [மூவேந்த வே-
ளானும் [நா]சகம் [வி]டங்குநர் உடெயானும் வரியிலீடுதே மங்கல-
முடெயானும்
26. பட்டோலை எழுதினார் ராஜேந்திர சோழமண்டலத்து புரவு வரிதிணைக்களத்துவரியில்-
லீடு
27. விழுப்பரெயனும் இருந்து யாண்டு நாலாவது ள ருயள [ல்]வரியிலிட்ட இவ்விந்த . .
28. ஞ்செய்வரியிலீடுவித்தான் ராஜராஜப்பாண்டியநாட்டு முடி(கொண்ட) கொண்ட சோழ
வளநாட்டு கீழ்
29. ம[ரி] நாட்டு காமந் அமாபுயங்கநாந ராஜராஜவெள்ளப்ப நாடாழ்வார் [|| *] மகே்கும்
புனல் த.....[ண்]பொருளைத்துரை.....
30. குங்குதிப்பன.....

ABRIDGED TRANSLATION

11. 1—8. Hail ! Prosperity ! The one hundred and fifty-fourth day of the fourth year of the matchless king. While the king **Parakesarivarman Rājendradeva**,--who took the seven and a half lakhs of the Raṭṭapaḍi ; who frightened Āhavamalla at Koppam on the bank of the Pēraṅu (Krishṇa) river, took away his elephants, horses, women and treasure ; and performed the *viṣayābhishēka* and was pleased to ascend the throne,—was pleased to be seated on the (cot called the) *kāḍuvetti* on the *sopāna* (known as) in the (palace named) Kēraḷaṇ-māḷigai at Gaṅgaikondā-sōḷapuram ; it was commanded by the king that the taxes *ūr-kalāṇḷu*, *kumara-kachchāṇam*, *mūṇ-pāṭṭam* etc., among the lower ; *moram*, *ilai-vāṇiya-pāṭṭam*, *iṅgaḷ-āṣu*, *kāl-aḷavu*, *kol-aḷavu*, *āḷḷu-pāṭṭam*, *per-mudal-āyam*, *taragu-kūḷi*, etc..... *andarāyams*, which are due from the villages, which form the *dēvadāna* villages belonging to the goddess Kanyā-piṭṭāriyār of Kumari *alias* Gaṅgaikondā-sōḷapuram situated in the Puṇattāyanāḍu of the Uttamaśōḷavāḷanāḍu (a sub-division) of the Rājaraḷja-pṇāṇḍi nāḍu, and which was utilised for these villages, should from the fourth year be taken and given to this goddess for meeting the expenses of celebrating a festival every month on the Hasta nakshatra, the natal star of **Kiḷānadiḡai** one of the queens (of Rājendradeva).

11. 8—10. The above enumerated taxes (1) collected from the *dēvadāna* villages of the god of Rājaraḷjēśvaram of this place, should be paid from the fourth year to this god for whatever expenditure the temple might require them (the taxes).

11. 10—11. The above mentioned taxes (2) collected from the *sālābhōgam* villages belonging to the Rājaraḷja-sālai of this town should be paid to this *sālai*, from the fourth year, for its expenses.

(1) This is the symbol for நான்

(2) All these taxes are repeated in the inscription in these two instances also.

2. ஸ்ராமுடெபார் தேவர் கர்மிக்னோம் நாற்பத்தெண்ணிரவர்க்கு விற்றுக்குத்த நில மாவது [||*] இத்தேவர் கோயிலின் தென்கீழ்பக்கத்தெழுந்தருளி இருக்கும் ஐயப்பன் வேதியச்சாத்தன் கோயி-
3. லின் தெற்கல் திருச்சுற்றுலைக்குத் தெற்கும் உத்தமசோழப் பேரேரிக்கு வடக்குப் பதி-
ன் கோலகலமும் குமரி தின்னுஞ் சக்கரதீர்த்தத்துக்கு உத்தமசோழப் பேரேரி[யி]ன்
கீழ்கரைக்கு மேற்கு உள்ளிடப்போர்-
4. த பெருவழிக்கு மேற்கும் பன்நிருகோல் நீளமும் ஆக இப்பெருநான்கெலக்க (2)
நடுவு ஜெயங்கொண்ட சோழநென்று தண்ணீர்ப்பந்தலும் எடுத்து
5. காவனமும் இட்டு இன்னுன்கெல்லையினுள்ளுஞ் சுற்றுமடெத்து மற்றும பயன்படும-
மும் வெவத்துக்கொள்வாராக எம்மிவிசெந்த விலைபொருட்டுள்ளலங் கையிலே யறக்-
கொண்டு விற்றுக்குத்தே-கா-
6. ம் ராஜ ராஜ ஸ்ராமுடபார் தேவர்க்மிக்னோம் நாற்பத்தெண்ணிரவர்க்கு [||*]
இவர்கள் சொல்ல எழுதிநென் இத்தேவர் கணக்கு அரயந் [க]ந்தந் எழுத்து

Translation.

. . . . The 31st year of the (reign of the) king **Rājakesarivarman** *alias* **Rājarājadeva**, of great fame. The land sold by us, the authorities of the temple of the god of Rājaraṣeśvaram, situated in Kumari-kKaḷikkaḍi of the Puṇḍarīkānāḍu belonging to the Uttamaśōḷa-vaḷa-nāḍu, (a sub-division) of the Rājaraṣa-ppaṇḍi-nāḍu, to the Nāṇḍattēṇṇāyiravar; it is situated to the south of the circuiting wall near the Ayyappaṇ Vēdiya Sāstāṇ shrine situated on the south east of this temple; to the north of the great lake, Uttama-śōḷa-ppēreri,—thus a breadth of ten poles (*taḍis*); to the west of the main road from Kumari to Sakkirairtham which goes close to the west of the eastern bank of the Uttama-śōḷa-ppēreri, thus a length of twelve poles (*taḍis*).

It is agreed between us, the temple authorities and the Nāṇḍattēṇṇāyiravar, that the latter should establish a watershed under the name of Jayaṅḡoṇḍa-śōḷaṇ, within these four great boundaries, erect *pandals*, fence the land within the four boundaries, and plant fruit-bearing trees; (on these conditions), we the authorities of the temple of Rājaraṣeśvara, having received to the full the amount of the price-money fixed by us, handed over (the land) to the Nāṇḍattēṇṇāyiravar. Araiyan Kandaṇ, the accountant of this temple wrote (this agreement) to the dictation of these (parties); (this is my) signature.

No. V.

This inscription consists of a single verse in Tamil stating that **Ayyanambi** *alias* **Mangalakkāḷavan**, the minister of the Chōḷa king established a watershed at Teṇ-Kumari, that is Kumari in the south. It is engraved on the west base of the central shrine of the Guhānāthasvāmin temple. This watershed was perhaps the one that was intended to be established according to the sale-deed contained in No. IV above.

Text. (1)

1. ஸ்ரீ ஸ்ரீ (2) [||*] [௨]தண்டிரைநீர்த் தென்குமரி மானகர்த்தனீர்ப்பந்தல் எண்டி-
செயும் ஏத்த வினிதமைத்தான் [வி]ண்டிவரும்
2. ஐந்தெரிபலான் அப்பயனம்பி அடல்வாவன் மந்திரி தென்மங்கலக்காலமன் (3) ஸ்ரீ ஸ்ரீ (2)

(1) From inked impressions.

(3) Metre, வெண்பா.

(2) Read ஸ்ரீ ஸ்ரீ

Translation.

Hail ! Prosperity ! **Ayyanambi** *alias* **Teṇ-Mangalakkālaṃ**, the wearer of the beautiful garland of full blown flowers, the minister of the powerful Chōḷa (king), established well, a watershed, which is praised in all the eight directions, in the great city of the south Kumari, (which is surrounded by) the waves of the clear water (of the sea). Hail ! Prosperity !

No. VI.

This one also consists of a single verse in Tamil recording that **Ayyan Mangalakkālaṃ** arranged for an income of 10 *nālis* of paddy a day, at Maṇaṅkuḍi for the maintenance of the watershed. It is very likely that he gave a piece of land which yielded paddy sufficient enough to supply the watershed daily with 10 *nālis* of paddy. It is also engraved on the west base of the central shrine of the Guhanāthasvāmin temple.

Text ⁽¹⁾

1. ஸ்ரீ தி ஸ்ரீ (2) [||*] மானமிக்க வேல் ஐப்பன் மங்கலக்காலம்ந் குமரித்தானமைத்த
பந்தலிற்றணைட்ட தேநரைத்த மயத்தங்குசெ-
2. [ர]ல மணற்க்குடியிலே வைத்தா நித்தம் பதினாழி நெல் (3) ஸ்ரீ ஸ்ரீ (2)

Translation.

Hail ! Prosperity ! **Aiyyan Mangalakkālaṃ**, the (wielder of the) noble spear, kept (that is, made arrangement for the supply of) ten *nālis* of paddy per day, at Maṇaṅkuḍi, which is (full of) beautiful gardens dripping with honey, for the (maintenance) of the watershed he established at Kumari. Hail ! Prosperity !

(¹) From inked impressions

(²) Metre, வெண்பா.

(²) Read ஸ்ரீ ஸ்ரீ.

(²) Read செல்லைக்கு

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No. IX

THREE SANSKRIT INSCRIPTIONS OF ADITYAVARMAN ALIAS SARVANGANATHA.

Of the three inscriptions edited below, one (No. 2) was first edited by Mr. Sundaram Pillai⁽¹⁾ and afterwards by Dr. Kielhorn⁽²⁾. It is engraved on the north wall of the Kṛishṇa-svāmin shrine in the Padmanābhasvāmin temple at Trivandram, in the Grantha characters. It records that the king **Sarvāṅganātha** constructed at the town of Syānandūra the shrine of Kṛishṇa, the *gō-sālā*, a *maṇḍapa* and the *dipikā-griham*, in the Śaka year 1296, expressed by the chronogram '*chōlapriya*'. Dr. Kielhorn believes that the exact date of the record must have fallen between the 10th October 1374, and the 26th March 1375, A. D.

My only excuse for republishing it in this paper is to bring all the available records of the king Sarvāṅganātha in one paper; I have therefore given the text and extracted the excellent translation of Dr. Kielhorn.

The second inscription is engraved on the north and east bases of the *maṇḍapa* in front of the Kṛishṇasvāmin temple at Vaḍaśēri, one of the suburbs of the town of Nāgarkōyil. It is also written in the Grantha characters and the language is Sanskrit. The preservation of the record is tolerably good. The inscription consists of three verses in different metres and praises of the king, whose real name is known from this to be **Adityavarman**. How he deserved the *biruda* of Sarvāṅganātha is explained in the inscription which states that he was well versed in Grammar, was a proficient in the science and art of composition and music, was learned in the Smṛitis, *Arttha Sāstra*, *Purāṇas*, *Ātma-Sāstra* (i. e. Vedānta) and *Tarka*. From the fact that this inscription contains nothing more than the praises of the king and is found in a Kṛishṇa-svāmin temple, it looks probable that Adityavarman Sarvāṅganātha might be the builder of this temple.

The third inscription is engraved on the south base of the Kṛishṇasvāmin shrine in the Padmanābhasvāmin temple at Trivandram. Like the other two documents, this one is also written in the Grantha characters and in the Sanskrit language. It records the construction of the shrine of Kṛishṇasvāmin, the *gō-sālā*, and the *maṇḍapa* in front of the shrine of Kṛishṇa by the king **Adityavarman alias Sarvāṅganātha**.

From these records we learn that the real name of the king was Adityavarman and that the name Sarvāṅganātha was but a *biruda* expressive of the literary acquirements of the king. The period he lived in was the last quarter of the fourteenth century of the Christian era.

Text⁽³⁾

No. I.

1. स्वस्ति श्री[ः] [॥*] सिंहस्थे च बृहस्प-
2. तौ समकरोदब्दे च चोळप्रिये
3. गोशालाञ्च मुदीपिकागृहमहो

(1) In his 'Early Sovereigns of Travancore, p. .

(2) *Ep. Ind.*, Vol. IV, p. 203.

(3) From inked impressions of the inscriptions.

4. कृष्णालयमण्डपम् । भक्त्या चैव य-
5. शोर्थमप्यतितरान्धर्मार्थमप्यादरात्
6. स्यान्न्दूरपुरे सुकीर्त्तिसहितसर्वा-
7. गनाथो नृपः ॥

No. II.

1. स्वास्ति श्री[:] शब्दज्ञोऽस्म्यथ लक्ष्यलक्षणगुरुस्साहित्यसुगीतयो[:*] स्मृत्यर्थ[ात्म (?) पुराणशास्त्रनि-
गमान्जाने] प्रमाणान्यपि । षट्त्रिंशत्स्वपि-
2. हेतिषु श्रमगुणैश्शोभे कुलानां कुलान्यभ्यासे युधि भूपतींश्च विजये सर्वांगनाथोऽस्म्यतः ॥ १*]
साहित्ये निपुणाः के-
3. चित् केचित् शास्त्रे च कोविदाः । केचित् गीते कृताभ्यासाः केचित् शस्त्रे कृतश्रमाः ॥ २*]
आदित्यवर्मन् भवतस्साम्यमि-
4. छान्ति ते कथं । पारंगतेन विद्यानामेकां विद्यां समाश्रिताः ॥ ३*] नवजलदसमाभः कन्ज [नेत्रे
कृतङ्कः ?] पतितचिकुरसं-
5. घं वारयन्गुलीभिः । व्रजयुवतिसमूहं
6. सस्मितं प्रेक्षमाणो वसतु हृदि-
7. सदा मे बालकृष्णस्य भावः ॥ ४*] स्मरामयसनाथाश्रित . कृष्णस्य ल . स्तेन गृहा.....

No. III.

1. स्वास्ति श्री[:*] ॥ १*] श्रीगोष्ठकृष्णालयमण्डपानां गवाञ्च कृष्णस्य च भूसुराणाम् । निवेशनात्थं
कृतवान्नवत्वमादित्यवर्मा परवीरवीरः ॥ १*] अहो दृष्टा च गोशाला ह्य-
2. हो दृष्टञ्च मण्डपम् । अहो कृष्णालयन्दृष्टमहो वक्ष्यामि किं सखे ॥ २*] आदित्यवर्मणा राज्ञा
कृतमेतत्रयज्जनाः । पश्यन्तु सस्पृहन्नित्यम् भजध्वं कृष्णमाद-
3. रात् ॥ ३*] मण्डिते मण्डपे चित्रं कृष्णस्य पुरतः कृतम् । प्रेक्षकाणाञ्च नेत्राणामासीन्मण्डनमञ्ज-
सा ॥ ४*] मण्डितमण्डपञ्चित्रं कृष्णस्य पुरतः कृतम् । पश्यन्तु म-
4. ण्डलं कृत्वा जना नेत्र मण्डनम् ॥ ५*]

Translation

No. I. (1)

When Jupiter stood in (the sign) Sinha, in the year (denoted by the chronogram) Chôla-priya (*i.e.* 1296), the prince Sarvaṅganātha possessed of good report, from faith and to secure fame in abundance and for the sake of religion, reverently built at the town of Syānandūra a cow-house, a house of beautiful lamps, (and) Ah ! an abode of Kṛishṇa, an open hall.

No. II.

V. 1. Hail ! Prosperity ! I am versed in grammar ; I am master of the science and art of composition and music ; I know the *Smritis*, economics, the science of self, the *Purāṇas*, the *Sāstras*, and the *Vēdas*, as also the dialectics. I shine by the various kinds of exercises in respect of the thirty-six weapons. I practise the groups of the arts. I also conquer kings in war. Therefore am I Sarvāṅganātha (i. e., master of all *Vēda-aṅgas*).

V. 2. Some are experts in composition (*sāhitya*), others are learned in the *śāstras*, some are well practiced in music, others are skilled in the art of missiles. How could they, who are devoted each only to one particular branch of knowledge (*vidyā*), aspire to equality with, you Ādityavarman, who art a past master in all the branches of knowledge ?

V. 3. Let the thought of Bālakṛiṣṇa, whose splendour is like that of the fresh (rain laden) cloud, whose lotus eye is marked (with collirium) and who removing his flowing locks by his fingers, smilingly gazes on the group of young shepherdesses, ever dwell within my heart.

No. III.

Verse 1. The valorous Adityavarman built newly the cattle-shed, the shrine of Kṛiṣṇa and the maṇḍapa for the use of cows, (the good) Kṛiṣṇa and the Brahmins respectively.

V. 2. Ah ! the cattle-shed was seen ; ah ! the maṇḍapa was seen ; ah ! the Kṛiṣṇa's temple was seen ; O ! friend ! what shall I say ! !

V. 3. Let people see with eagerness these three which were constructed by king Adityavarman. Worship Kṛiṣṇa daily with devotion.

V. 4. The carving of the decorated maṇḍapa before Kṛiṣṇa was as it were like an ornament to the eyes of the spectators.

V. 5. Let the people make a round and see the decorated maṇḍapa constructed before Kṛiṣṇa, which is an ornament to the eyes of the on-lookers.

No. X

THREE INSCRIPTIONS OF VIRA RAVI RAVIVARMAN.

The following three inscriptions belong to the reign of Virā Ravi Ravivarman of the Tirup-pāppūr Svarūpam. They are written in the Tamil language and alphabet and are in more or less good state of preservation.

The first two records belong to the Adikēśava-ppurumāl temple at Tiruvāṭṭāru, a place of great antiquity. In the classic anthology of verses sung by poets in praise of several ancient sovereigns of the Tamil land, called the Puṇanāṇṇū, it is stated that Vāṭṭāru was under the chieftainship of one Elini-Āḍan, who is praised for his munificence and liberality. His panegyrist, Maṅguḍi-kīlār, describes the town as வாளைர் வாட்டாறு, (Puṇanāṇṇū, v. 496). Again, it is one of the places in Malaināḍu praised by the Vaiṣṇava saint Nammālvār. He calls it Vāṭṭāru situated on the bank of a river. The temple is at present situated on a high platform which appears to have existed from very ancient times, for, Nammālvār describes this temple in the following terms :—

மலை மாடத்தாவணைமேல் வாட்டாற்றான் &c.

and

வரைகுழவு மணிமாட வாட்டாற்றான் &c.

The image in the central shrine is said in the hymns of Nammālvār to be lying on the serpent bed, which also is its present posture. Though at present the name of the place is pronounced as Tiruvāṭṭāru, it is clear from the quotations given above from the Puṇanāṇṇū and the verses of Nammālvār that the name must be pronounced as Tiruvāṭṭāru.

All these inscriptions belong to a comparatively modern period ; they range from **Ko. 778-782**, (A. D. 1603—1607). The first is dated the Kali year 4704, corresponding with the Kollam year 779. On a Saturday, the 26th of the month of Āṇi which coincided with the Saptami *tithi* of the bright fortnight, in the Hasta nakshatra and Mīna rāsi, the king **Virā Ravi Ravivarman**, began to effect repairs and add fresh structures to the temple of Adikēśavapperumāl and the four *tirumāligaiappatties*, the kitchen, the water-room (?), the paving of the innermost places with stones, the *orṇaikkal maṇḍapa*, the *dvārapālas* the pillar of lights, and the roofing of the hall (in which) the *balikkal* stands were constructed. **Āḍityavarman**, the first younger brother of the king, built the flooring of the four inner *prākāras* with stone, while the next younger brother, **Rāmavarman**, ordered for the two metal *dvārapālas* to be cast. The king's consorts, **Iṇaiyumak-kuttiyammai**, and **Iṇaiya Iṇaiyumakkuttiyammai**, built the water-room and the adjacent *pattis*. The western *patti* is said to have been constructed at the expense of three ladies of whom the first is described as '*nambirāṭṭiyār*'. The term as occurring in the inscriptions of the east coast means 'our queen' and is always employed by the kings or his subjects to denote the queen. It does not seem to possess this significance in the present instance, as the consorts of kings are described, elsewhere in this inscription, otherwise. Hence we have to surmise that the person referred to as '*nambirāṭṭiyār*' might either be the sister or the mother of the king. The second lady is **Nāchchiyār-ammai**, the consort of Āḍityavarman and the third, **Kesavapperumāl-ammai**, the consort of Rāmavarman.

The ceremonies in connection with the consecration were performed by Kiriṭṭaṇ (Kṛishṇa) Jātavēdan of the Paḍiṇārakkattil house at Karpagamaṅgalam. Kaṇḍan Śiri kumaran, who was managing the temple lands could not attend the ceremony ; therefore Udayaṇṇ Dēvaṇ of Pūndōṭṭam was made to act in his stead. The temple accountant at that time was Īsvaran Ādichehan and the accountant general or the auditing officer (*mēleṭuttu*) was Kittiṇaṇ Kittiṇaṇ

(Kṛishṇan). The architects were Uḍaiyaṅ-kuṭṭi-Ādiecham Āsāri, Īchebakkuṭṭi Chintāmaṇi Āsāri, Kāttavan Sarvaṅga Āsāri and Nayinākkuṭṭi Nilakaṇṇa Āsāri. Of these the first was the chief architect.

The second inscription records the date of the construction of the *oraiakkal maṇḍapa*. The third which belongs to the Śiva temple at Kēraḷapuram and records that the King Vira Ravi Ravivarman repaired the central shrine, &c., of this temple.

From the first inscription we learn that in the Kollam year 779 there reigned in South Travancore a prince named Vira Ravi Ravivarman and that he had two brothers named Ādityavarman and Rāmavarman. All these belonged to the Tiruppāppūr Svarūpam and the Kīlappērūr *illum*. The two other inscriptions edited below state that these three princes were the sons of Umaiyaṁmai, born in the Rōhiṇi *nakshatra*. They also state that the king Vira Ravi Ravivarman was a votary of Padmanābha (the god at Trivandram), that he gave the sixteen great gifts, beginning with Tulāpurusha. At present it is impossible to say when the king ascended the throne and how long he reigned. We have to wait for further discoveries for these points to be elucidated. In his "History of Travancore" Mr. Śaṅguṇṇi Menōn admits that the history of Travancore about this period is not clearly known. But, he adds, that about the year Ko. 779 a Vira Ravivarman was ruling. This year is said to be the last of the reign of this king; but the third inscription edited below is dated Ko. 782. Evidently Mr. Śaṅguṇṇi Menōn seems to have been misled by some unreliable materials. The following table might be constructed from the facts gathered from these inscriptions:—

| Umaiyaṁmai, born
in the Rōhiṇi <i>nakshatra</i> . | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| Vira Ravi Ravivarman
born in the Jyēṣṭha
<i>nakshatra</i> . | Ādityavarman.
Nāchechiyār-ammai. | Rāmavarman.
Ādikēsavapperumāl-ammai. |
| 1. Iṛaiyumakkuṭṭi-ammai. | | |
| 2. Īaiya do. | | |

Text

1. ஹரி [ஃ ||*] ஸ்ரீ ஸ்ரீ கவிபும ஸ்வஸ்தாடி சக்ரளாசல் செல்லாநின்ற வ்யாக்ருதி யநுஷாத்தின் மேல் செல்லாநின்ற கொல்லம் ளாளுகெனரு ஆனி மீர் உடுசு சென்ற சனி-யாட்சையும் அத்தமும் வடுவ பக்ஷத்து ஸஷ்டமியும் அன்று மீனம் இராசிகொண்டு திரு-வாட்டாற்று பள்ளிகொண்டருநின்ற பெருமாள் ஆதிசேசவப்பெருமாள் கேழத்திரத்தில் நாலுதிருமானிகைப்பத்தியும் திருமடப்பள்ளியும் நீரையும் அகத்து தளவியையும் ஒருகல் மண்டபமும் கூா[ர] ஸ்ரீமாரும் விளக்கு மாடமும் வெவிக்கல்ப்பினையும் கூட கல்கார-மாய்ப்-

2. பணியும் செய்விச்சு பள்ளிகொண்டு அருநின்ற பெருமாளுக்கு திருமீனியில் புழுகும் சாத்திவிச்சு மேற்படி கொல்லம் ளாளுகெனரு தனுச்சனி மகாவியாழம் செல்லா-நின்ற வைகாசி மீம் டுகூட திங்களாச்சையும் பூசும் வடுவ பக்ஷத்து பஞ்சமியும் மனயொமவுடி அன்று கற்கடகம் இராசிகொண்டு சிழப்பேருர் இல்லத்தில் திருப்பாப்பூர் தொருபத்தில் ஸ்ரீவீரலி இரவிறம்மாய குலசேகரப்பெருமாள் செய்வித்த திருப்பணி [||*] மேற்படி அனியரை ஆதித்தவம்மா இருந்ருநியெடத்தின் பண்டாரத்தில் செய்-வித்த அகச்சுற்றில் நாலுபிறமும் தளவியை போடிச்சித [||*] மேற்படி அனியன் இராம-வம்மா இருந்ருநியெடத்தின் பண்டாரத்தில் கூா[ர] ஸ்ரீதாரை-

3. வாப்பிச்சித [||*] இதின் இளங்கோயில்கொண்டு கலசமாடின படிஞாறக்-
கெட்டில் கற்பகமங்கலத்து கிரிட்டன் சாதவேதன் [||*] இளங்கோயில் கொள்ளின்றப்போழ்
முத்தகூற்றில் திருவிடையாட்டம் திறப்பு கையாண்ட பெருங்காஜர் கண்டன் சீரீகுமரன்
வாராத்தொண்டு இளைபகூற்றில் நெய்யறமனிச்சமாய் பூந்தோட்டத்து உதையனன் தே-
வன் கையேற்றி இளங்கோயில் கொள்ளிச்சித [||*] நீரையும் அடுத்தபத்தி இரண்டும்
குலசேகரப்பெருமாள் இருந்நருளி-

4. யெடத்தின் பண்டாரத்தில் தேவியார் இரையும்க்குட்டி அம்மையும் இளை
இரையும்க்குட்டி அம்மையும் செய்விச்சித [||*] மேற்படிக்கு மேக்குபத்தி ஒன்றும் நம்பி-
ராட்டியார் பண்டாரத்தில் செய்விச்சித [||*] மேற்படிக்கு மேக்குபத்தி ஒன்றும் ஆதித்த-
வற்றமா இருந்நருளியெடத்தின் பண்டாரத்தில் தேவியார் நாச்சியார் அம்மை செய்விச்சித
[||*] மேற்படி மேக்கு பத்தி ஒன்றும் இராமவற்றமா இருந்நருளியெடத்தின் பண்டாரத்தில்
தேவியார் கேசவப்பெருமாள் அம்மை செய்விச்சித [||*] சிபண்டா-

5. ரக்கணக்கு ஈச்சுவரன் ஆதிச்சன் [||*] மேலெழுத்து கணக்குகட்டிணன் கிட்-
டிணன் [||*] முத்த ஆசாரி திருவாட்டாற்று உடையான்குட்டி ஆதிச்சமாசாரி [||*] ஈச்சக்-
குட்டி சிந்தாமணி ஆசாரி [||*] காத்தவன் சறுவாங்க ஆசாரி [||*] நயினக்குட்டி திருநீல-
கண்டர் ஆசாரி ல [||*].

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

11. 1—2. Harih ! Hail ! Prosperity ! After the Kali year 4704 had expired, when Saturn stood in the constellation Vṛiśchika and Jupiter in Dhanu, in the Kollam year 779, on Saturday, the 26th of the month of Āṇi, which was the seventh *tithi* of the dark fortnight, Hasta *nakshatra* and Mina *rāsi*, the following structures in the temple of Adikēśava-ppermāḷ, who is pleased to lie in Tiruvāṭṭāḡu, were built of stone : the four *tirumāligai-ppattis*, the kitchen, the water-room, the flooring of the inner portions, the single stone *maṇḍapa*, the *dvārapālas*, the structure for lights and the room of the *balikkal*; and on Monday, the 16th of the month of Vaigāsi, which corresponded with the fifth *tithi* of the bright fortnight, Gaṇḍa *yōga*, and Karkāṭaka *rāsi*, in the Kollam year 780, when Saturn was in Dhanu and Jupiter in Makara, the image of the god Ādikēśava was bathed in (a preparation of oil mixed with civet etc.) These were done by (or in the reign of) Vira Ravi Ravivarman *alias* Kulasēkhara-ppermāḷ of the Kīlappēṭūr Illam and Tiruppāppūr Svarūpam.

1. 2. Āḍityavarman, the younger brother of the above (Vira Ravi Ravivarman), built the floor of stone of the four sides of the inner *prākāra*. His younger brother, Rāmavarman, got the *dvārapālas* cast (in metal).

1. 3. When the *bālālaya* ⁽¹⁾ was consecrated, the priest that officiated was Kiriṭṭan Jātavēḍaṇ of Paḍiññāre-kaṭṭil in Karpagamaṅgalam. On this occasion, Kaṇḍaṇ Sīri Kumaran of Peruññāvūr, belonging to the elder branch of the family that was in charge of the management of the temple lands was not (able to be) present; in his stead, Udayanaṇ Ḍēvaṇ of Pūndōṭṭam who was in charge of the ghee room (?), was made to act (for the absentee during the ceremony).

11. 3—4. Iraiymakkuṭṭi Ammai and Ilaya-Iraiymakkuṭṭi Ammai, the consorts of the king Kulasēkhara-ppermāḷ built the water-room and the next two *pattis*. The *paṭṭi* west of the

(1) The word *ilainḡoyil* occurs in one of the inscriptions of Tirumāla; this term has been taken by Mr. Venkayya to mean the temple [of Subrahmanya, that it does not refer to a Subrahmanya temple would become patent from this instance; it means the *bālālaya* that is generally constructed to lodge the images before pulling down temples for repairs.

above mentioned ones was built by the Nambirāṭṭiyār. The *paṭṭi* west of the above, was built by Nāchchiyar Ammai, the consort of the prince Ādityavarman; the *paṭṭi* next to this was constructed by Ādikēśava-pperumāl Ammai, the consort of Rāmavarman.

1. 5. The temple accountant (then) was Īchēchuvārāṇ Ādicheṇṇ; the auditor (or chief accountant) was Kiṭṭiṇṇ; Kiṭṭiṇṇ the chief architect, Uḍaiyāṇkuṭṭi Ādichehamāśāri, (and the other architects) Īchēhakuṭṭi Chintāmaṇiāśāri, Kāttavaṇ Saruvaṅga Asāri and Nayiṇakuṭṭi Tirunilakaṇḍar Asāri.

No. II.

The subjoined inscription is engraved on the north and west bases of the *ottaiikkal*, *maṇḍapam* in the Ādikēśavapperumāl temple. The preservation of the record is not good. It is written in a mixture of Grantha and Tamil alphabets and the language is Tamil. It is dated in the Kali year 4704 corresponding with the Kollam 778. It records that Vira Ravi Ravivarman born in the Jyēsthā nakṣatra, to Umaiyammai born in the Rōhiṇi nakṣatra, began to repair the temple on a Monday, the 7th of the month Chittirai . . . in the Rōhiṇi nakṣatra Saumya yōga and Kanni rāsi. The general repairs to the temple were effected and the *orraiikkal maṇḍapa* was built by the king. Vira Ravi Ravivarman is described as a devotee of the god Padmanābha (of Trivandram) ; he gave the sixteen great gifts such as *tulāpurusha* etc. He is, as usual with the kings of this family, styled *Kulaśēkharapperumāl*. We have already seen that he belonged to the Tiruppāppūr *Svarūpam* and to the Kilappērūr *illam*.

Text (1)

1. ஹரி : [||*] ஸ்ரீஸ்ரீ [||*] கலியாமலழ்வதூத சதௌசல் மேல் செல்லாநின்ற
வ்ருத்திகலியாமழம் துலாச்சனி கொல்லம் ளாஎயுஅரு சித்திரை மீ எ வ திங்களாட்சையும்
ரோஹிணியும்.....[வெ]ளஹய யொமஜுட அன்று கநிராஸிகொண்டு பெருமார் ஆதிகேச
வப்பெருமார் கோயிலில்

2. இன்று கோயில்கொண்டு பணி செய்வித்து முன்மண்டபத்தில்; ஒற்றைக்கல்-
லும் இடுவித்த ஸ்ரீ கிழப்பேரூர் இல்லத்தில் திருப்பாப்பூர் ஸ்ரீஹத்தில் திருவானந்த புரத்-
தில் எழுந்தருளி [இருந்தருளி].....ரோஹிணிதிருநாள் பி.....[ம] அம்மை என்று திரு-
நாமம் உடைய அம்மை பண்டாரத்தில் திருவகுவா [இத்து] அருளின

3. துக்கேட்டைத்திருநாள் பிறந்.....வாக பத்தொஹவாதாஸிதே[வ]வகரோய்
தொவாஹாஷாடி ஷொவாஸ ஜஹாடாதாதாஸமாய் லகல விஜாவாஹதாஸமாய் லவ-
ஜதாஷா யாஹாஹ[மாய்].....ந்த.....இருந்தருளின ஸ்ரீஹல இரவிவன்மரான ஸ்ரீ குல-
சேகரப்பெருமார் செய்வித்த திருப்பணி [||*].

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Harih ! Hail ! Prosperity ! Vira Ravi Ravivarman *alias* Kulaśēkhara-pperumāl,—who belonged to the Kilappērūr Illam and the Tiruppāppūr *svarūpam*, who was born to mai Ammai who was residing at Tiruvānandapuram who was born in the Rōhiṇi *nakṣatra*, whose natal star was Tirukēṭṭai (Jyēsthā), who was the adorer of the feet of the god Padmanābha, who had made the sixteen great gifts beginning with *tulāpurusha*, who was learned in all sciences and arts and who was ever bent upon offering protection to his subjects—built the front maṇḍapa in the Ādikēśava-pperumāl temple and fixed the single slab of stone as its floor, on Monday the 7th of the month of Chittirai, in the Rōhiṇi *nakṣatra*, Saumya yōga and Kanni rāsi, in the Kali year 4704, Kollam 778, when Jupiter stood in the constellation, Vriśchika and Saturn in Tula.

KERALAPURAM INSCRIPTION OF VIRA RAVI RAVIVARMAN.

The subjoined inscription is engraved on the west base of central shrine of the Śiva temple at Keralapuram near Padmanābhapuram. The language and alphabet of the record is Tamil and the preservation is good. It informs us that the king Vira Ravi Ravivarmān of the Kīlappēṇṇ Illam and the Tiruppāppūr Svarūpam reconstructed the central shrine and other buildings in the temple in the year 782 of the Kollam era. Herein also the king is said to have made the sixteen great gifts, to be master of all sciences and arts, to be a votary of the god Padmanābha, etc.

Text ⁽¹⁾

1. ஹரி: [||*] ஸஹஸ்ரம் [||*] ஸ்ரீமதி [||*] ரவிஸ்ரம் யதெயுஸ்ஸஹ கலி சத்-
ளாஅ ஸக்ஷஸாடி செல்லாநின்ற தீதவாழம் யதஹுனி கொல்லம் ளாஅயுட (ஸ்ர) சித்திரை
[மீ] (2) கூ உ வெள்ளியாட்சையும் சோதியும் சுவாவகஸ்தில் ப்ரயதெயுட லிஜியொமறுட
அன்று ககூட்டகூட ராஸி கொண்டு

2. செங்கழுநீர்வழாட்டு (2a) முத்தளகுறிச்சியில் நயினார் ஸ்ரீலீங்கோடெஸ்ரத்து
ஐஹாடெவசு (3) கோயில் கீழப்பேருர் இல்லத்தில் திருப்பாப்பூர் ஸ்ரீவத்ரத்தில் திருவானந்த-
புரத்தில் எழுந்தருளி இருந்தருளின ஸோழிணி திருநாள்பிறந்த உமைஅம்மை

3. என்று திருநாமபேருடைய அம்மை பண்டாரத்தில் திருவகுறுவாழ்ந்து அரு-
ளின (4) துக்கெட்டெ (5) திருநாள்பிறந்த அனவாத வததாஹ வாஹாவித்யலெவிதாஹாய்
தூவாஹாஹாஷாடி ஷோஸு ஐஹாஹாதகாதாஹாஹாய் ஸகலவிஷ்ணுவாஹாமததாஹாய் [ய] ஸவ-
ஜதாஹாஹாஹாஹாஹாய் ஸஹஸ்ரலிஸவதூ-

4. ததெஹெஹெஹெயுடதாஹாய் இருந்தருளின ஸ்ரீலீங்காவி இரவிவன்மரான ஸ்ரீ குல-
சேகரப்பெருமாள் நாலுஅம்பலமும் திருமடப்பள்ளியும் ஐஹாஹவதூட கல்காரமாய் பணி-
செய்வித்து ளாஅயுட (ஸ்ர) அற்பகி [மீ] (6) உடு[உ] வியாழவாட்சையும் அநிஷ்டமும்
வடுவடுவகஸ்தில்

5. .. திகையும் விரிச்சுகம் இராசிகொண்டு ஸங்கோசிச்ச ஸ்ரீ [வி*] மாநம் உப[ா]ந-
முதல் ஹுடு[வி] (7) வரை [பி]றிச்சசெய்து செங்கல்பணிபு முகித்து மேற்படி (ஸ்ர) சித்திரை
[மீ] (2) கூ உ திருப்பணியும் முகித்து கலஸுட ஆடி அருளினது [||*] ஹரி: [||*] ஸஹஸ்ரம்
[||*]

(1) From inked impressions.

(2) Symbol for the word *mādam* (month).

(2-a) Read செங்கழுநீர்வளாட்டு.

(3) Read தேவர

(4) Read திருவயிற வாய்த்தருளின.

(5) Read திருக்கெட்டெ

(6) Read வததாஹ

(7) The letter *pi* is corrected from *ha*.

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Harih! Be it well! Hail! Prosperity! Vira Ravi Raviarman *alias* Kulasekharadeva,—who was born of (1) Umaiymmai born in the Rōhiṇi *nakshatra* and residing at Tiruvānadapuram who was himself born in the Tirukkēṭṭai *nakshatra*, who was incessantly worshipping the feet of the god Padmanabha, who had made the sixteen great gifts beginning with *tulāpurusha*, who was learned in all the sciences and arts, who was protecting all his subjects and who was a sun to the hosts of his foes,—built of stone the *nālu ambalam*, the kitchen and the Rishabha *maṇḍapa* in the temple of the god Mahādeva of Virakēraḷaśvaram in Muttalakkurichechi in the Śēṅgalunir-vaṇaṇḍu.

In the Kollam year 782, on Thursday, the 22nd of the month of Arpasi, the . . . *tithi* of the bright fortnight, Anusha *nakshatra*, and Vṛiśchika *rāśi*, the *śrīvimāna* (the central shrine), beginning from the base (*upāna*), to the top (*stūpi*), was reconstructed on a smaller scale, the brick work was finished and the *kumbhābhishēka* ceremony was performed on Friday, the Jyōti *nakshatra*, on the 6th of the month of Chittirai corresponding with the first *tithi* of the dark fortnight, Siddhi *yōga*, and Karkāṭaka *rāśi*, when Jupiter stood in the constellation Minam and Saturn in Dhanu, in the Kali year 4708 of which the day is expressed by the choronogram **ravistudhanyaisseha**, which corresponded with the Kollam year 782.

(1) Mr. Venkayya has separated the compound ‘திருவயிறு வாய்க்கவுடைய பிராட்டியார்’ found in several inscriptions which describe the mother of Uttamaśōḷadeva, into திருவயிறு வாய்க்க and உடைய பிராட்டியார். By itself the first part means practically nothing and the second has introduced a fictitious queen உடைய பிராட்டியார் in South Indian History. The mistake is perpetuated in his Annual Reports year after year by his successor, Mr. Krishna Sastri, who also believes that the name of the mother of Uttamaśōḷa was உடைய பிராட்டியார். Such an expression as வயிறு வாய்க்கவுடைய occurs in many places in Tamil literature, as for example, Rāma is called, கௌசலதன் மணி வயிறுவாய்த்தவனே, by Kulasekhara-pperumāl in his Perumāḷ Tiramōḷi.

THE FORT AT PALLIPPURAM, OR, THE OLDEST EUROPEAN
BUILDING IN INDIA. (1)

On the 18th of May, 1498, Vasco de Gama sighted India and anchored before Calicut on the 20th. By the good offices of a Moor named Bontaybo, who knew both the Portuguese and the Malayalam languages he was able to hold an interview with the Zamorin in which arrangements for opening trade with Malabar were effected. But the Moors who had long monopolised the lucrative business in pepper and the other produces of Malabar were alarmed by the transactions of the Zamorin with the Portuguese and hastened to poison the mind of the king against the foreigners, whom they portrayed as mere pirates who were misrepresenting themselves to him as the ambassadors of a reigning sovereign of Europe. Thereupon the Zamorin grew a bit lukewarm in his treatment of the Portuguese. De Gama therefore left the shores of Calicut about the end of August 1499. (2)

A fresh expedition was sent out to Calicut under the command of Pedro Alvarez Cabral on the 15th March, 1500 and on the 13th September, after a perilous voyage, the fleet arrived off the coast of Calicut. This time the Zamorin concluded a treaty of peace and friendship with the Portuguese and Admiral Cabral opened a factory at Calicut. But perceiving that the Zamorin who was supplying the Moors with pepper and spices largely did not provide him with sufficient quantities of these commodities of Malabar. Cabral grew impatient and attacked a fully laden Moorish ship and took the cargo after killing the whole crew. Thereupon the Moors on the coast remonstrated, which only irritated more the Portuguese who ruthlessly attacked Calicut and killed 600 men. This unfortunate event obliged Cabral to leave Calicut and sail south. He reached Cochin on the 20th December, 1500. The Rājā of this country received the strangers with great politeness and offered him all facilities to trade with his people and also provided the Portuguese with a factory. Hearing of all these transactions the Zamorin rigged up a fleet carrying 1,500 soldiers and sent it to Cochin to fight the Portuguese out. When the fleet arrived, the Rājā of Cochin intimated its approach to Cabral and offered the latter, if needed, his assistance to attack it. Cabral immediately gave chase to the forces of the Zamorin but the fleet sailed away without coming to any engagement with the Portuguese. Cabral set sail to Portugal directly without returning to Cochin. It was thus that the Portuguese first visited Cochin.

On March 3, 1502, a third expedition under the command of Vasco de Gama was despatched by the King of Portugal for the express purpose of taking vengeance on the Zamorin ; Vasco was soon joined by his cousin Stephen de Gama. They reached Calicut, attacked the town and committed atrocities which cannot be better described than in the words of Day. " De Gama tortured messengers, executed ambassadors, and his deeds were a blot in the annals of a Christian nation, and a disgrace to the name of humanity, over which it would be well could a veil be drawn". He then sailed down to Cochin where he established a factory, left there some factors and sailed for Portugal on the 1st of September.

The alliance of the Rājā of Cochin with the Portuguese brought him in an intensified form the already existing enmity of the Zamorin who, taking this as a pretext to invade the Cochin territory, entered it with a vast army, laid waste the country and reduced the Rājā to take shelter in the island of Vypeen. Fortunately for him, a Portuguese fleet with Francesco de Albuquerque at its head arrived on the 20th September, 1503. He forthwith reinstalled the Rājā in the

(1) This term excludes the early Europeans, the Greeks, the Romans, etc., but refers only to the medieval and modern nations of Europe.

(2) The historical portion of this paper is but an abstract of the chapters on the "Portuguese in Cochin" in "Day's Land of the Permauls" which has been largely consulted in the preparation of this paper.

possession of his kingdom, attacked and routed the forces of the Zamorin, seized Edappalli, (whose Brāhmaṇ Rājā was in league with the Zamorin), and looted it. The Rājā of Cochin was immensely pleased with his new allies and permitted them to erect a fort at Cochin. The foundation was laid on the 26th September 1503 and on the 1st of October it was christened **Manuel** after the name of the reigning king of Portugal. A few years after the forts at Cranganore and Paḷlippuram seem to have been constructed. The latter must have been brought into existence for the purpose of commanding the entrance to the back-water from the north. This building is small and could be defended by a handful of men. "The little castle is however in such a way as to leave very little doubt as to its identity by Gasper Correa who wrote in India between 1512-1550. He says it was built in 1507 to hold the entrance to the back-water, that it was garrisoned by about 20 men, that it was octagonal, that each of the facet was pierced for cannon etc. The little castle is probably the most ancient European building in India."⁽¹⁾ The fort at Paḷlippuram was known at the time of its construction and subsequently by the name of Aḷikkōṭṭai or Āyakkōṭṭai; and in the letters of Powney and others it is mentioned by the latter name. Strangely enough this fortress has been described by one and all as octagonal. We see Gasper Correa calling it octagonal in the extract quoted above. Day also calls it 'a small octagon tower'. In fact, it is a hexagonal building, as could be seen from the plan herewith.

Of the three forts of Cochin, Cranganore and Paḷlippuram built in the early days of the Portuguese dominancy in the West Coast the last alone still remains intact. Nothing is seen of the fort of Cochin at present. A wall of the fortification about 60 or 70 yards in length, a ruined gateway and an underground powder magazine all situated on a mound of earth about 15 feet high, are all that have survived of the once famous fort of Cranganore. The only building of the early Portuguese period not in ruins and consequently the oldest European structure extant in India, therefore, is, as we have already mentioned, the fortress at Paḷlippuram.

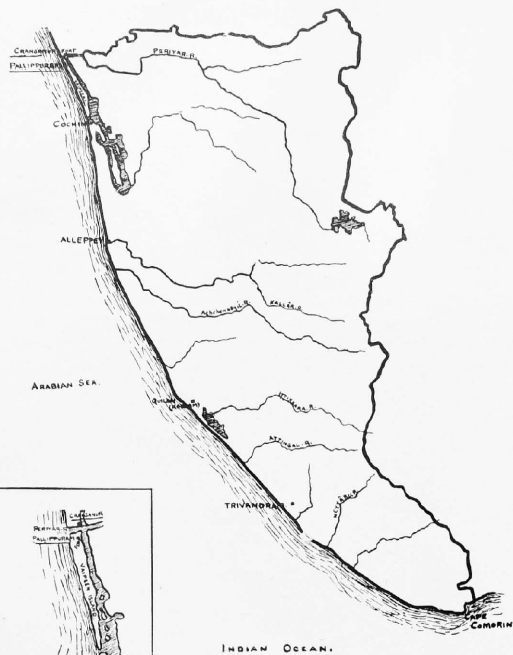
The little village of Paḷlippuram is situated on the northern extremity of the island of Vypeen north of Cochin. This island is thirteen miles long with the breadth varying from one to three miles and is believed to have been formed by the silt carried by the streams that meet the sea about the place where it is situated now. This narrow strip of land belonged to the Cochin State when the Portuguese first visited the West Coast. On the northern extremity of Vypeen the Portuguese were permitted to build an outpost to guard the passage of foreign vessels through the mouth of the Periyār river. It was almost due north of this and on the opposite bank of this river that the fort of Cranganore was built.

The outpost at Paḷlippuram is a hexagonal building meant to be of three storeys in height. Inside the fort the lowest floor is raised to a height of 5 feet from the ground level. Underneath this platform, opens out a small cellar, the passage to which runs obliquely from north to south and is 3 feet broad and 3 feet high, (see the ground plan of the fort in the accompanying plate). The cellar itself is 4 feet in height and 7 feet square. It appears to have served for storing gunpowder etc.

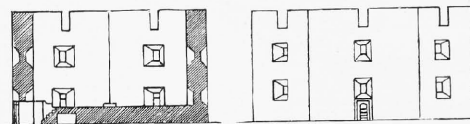
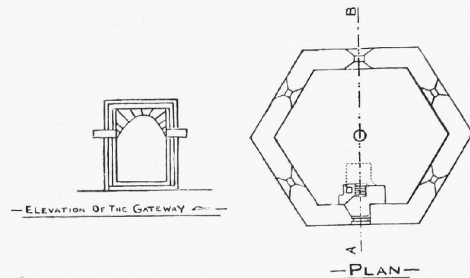
The fort is entered by a gate 5' 3" by 7', constructed of finely dressed granite, (see the elevation of the gateway in the plate). The top of the gate is arched and the door-posts and lintels are well moulded. Just behind the gate, the passage widens from 5' 3" to 7' 3" and this is due to the recess being square on one side and splayed on the other. Touching the wall there is a solid piece of masonry represented in the diagram I by a. To the west of this and immediately adjoining it is a well 3' 3" square. The thickness of the walls of the well is 6" and the depth

(1). Extract from the letter of Mr. A. Galletti, I.C.S., to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, a copy of which was communicated to me.

MAP OF TRIVANCORE
SHOWING THE
POSITION OF THE ISLAND OF
VAIPEEN

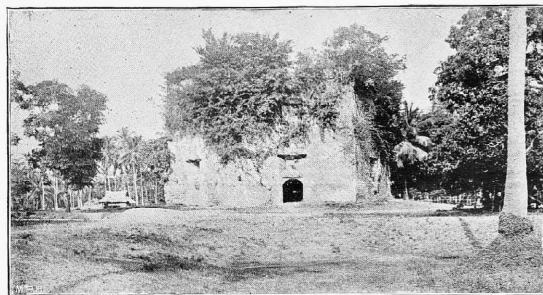


VAIPEEN ISLAND.



CROSS SECTION ON AB

Front Elevation.



PALLIPPURAM FORT

from the top to the bottom, 16 feet; there is at present two feet of water in the well. The people of Pallippuram informed me that the water of the well used to be very good for drinking purposes, but now it is left uncared for.

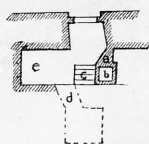


DIAGRAM I.

To the north of this well is a flight of four steps leading on to the platform already mentioned, (c in diagram I). Immediately to the north of the steps is the opening leading to the underground cellar, (d in the diagram I). In the centre of the platform lies a circular slab of stone, 3' in diameter. It appears that on this was erected a stone pillar, (the fragments of which are seen in the bungalow once in the occupation of Mr. Vernede), on which the radiating wooden beams supporting the upper two floors must have rested as in diagram II below.

Each face of the fort measures on the outside 32 feet in length and 34 feet in height; and the walls are 6 feet in thickness, (see diagram II below). Each face of the fort has three embrasures, one above the other, belonging each to one storey. The central

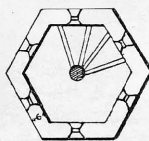


DIAGRAM II.

opening of these embrasures measures $2' \times 2\frac{1}{2}'$, (see diagram III). On the whole there are eighteen embrasures and therefore the fort could have mounted as many guns commanding all quarters round it. There are a number of sockets below the lower ends of these embrasures, evidently meant for receiving wooden beams in them (a, a, a, a, in diagram III). At present, there is no trace of wood-work remaining there. All the wood was either rotten by exposure to wind and weather or was removed by the villagers for firewood; the latter seems more probable.

In front of the gate, adjoining it on the inside, is an open space $12' \times 5' 9''$, which is on the same level as the ground outside the fort. This space (e in the diagram I), must have been left as it is, to afford easy passage to the cellar as also from the gate to the flight of steps.

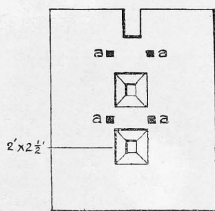


DIAGRAM III

The materials employed in the construction of the fort at Pallippuram are laterite, granite and wood. The whole of the masonry work of the fort is of laterite blocks set in *chunam* and the surfaces of the walls, etc., are thickly plastered with mortar. The doorway and the central circular stone slab mentioned above as the remnant of the central pillar are the only instances of granite employed in building.

At present, all the six sides of the fort are overgrown with vegetation and the roots of some of them are seen clinging over large areas of the walls (see photograph herewith). At present no serious damage has been caused to the building, but left to the mercy of this destructive agency, very soon the structure is sure to come to ruin. One or two stones on the top of the passage leading into the cellar are broken and overhanging, and might come down very soon.

With the banyan trees and the shrubs grown on the fort, it presents a picturesque appearance. But to preserve it from destruction, the fort has now been recommended to be freed from all overgrowth, the roots of which to be singed or tarred to prevent the plants from shooting up once again into foliage.

The small village of Pallippuram is divided into three parts, the northern belonging to Travancore, the middle to the British and the southern to the Cochin Governments, respectively. The fort stands on Travancore territory and consequently the Travancore Government has conserved this building as one of the ancient monuments of the State.

Having described the structure of the fort at Pallippuram, let us now continue its history. Virakēralavarman, the Rājā of Cochin, was deposed by the Portuguese who, in his stead, raised to the throne Gaṅgādharamahādēvi, his aunt as Rāṇi. He therefore sought the assistance of the Dutch at Ceylon, promising them liberal concessions in their trade with Malabar in pepper etc.

The Pāliyattu Achchan, the hereditary prime minister of the Rājā of Cochin, had also some private grudge against the Portuguese and so both the prince Virakēraḷavarman and the Pāliyattu Achchan joined together and induced the Dutch to proceed against Cochin. A Dutch fleet under Admiral Ryklof van Goens attacked the fort of Cochin in the year A. D. 1662, but being unsuccessful in their attempt at capturing it, sailed north and took the fort of Cranganore and became master of it. The next year a stronger fleet was despatched; the Portuguese were obliged, after a brave defence, to capitulate and surrender the fort of Cochin to the Dutch. The Portuguese power in Malabar was thus destroyed and the Dutch became the masters of all the Portuguese possessions in the Malabar country.

Haidar Ali whose power was then growing day by day, entered Calicut in A. D. 1773. Long before that, in 1766, he was negotiating with the Dutch for the purchase of the forts of Cranganore and Āḷikkōṭṭa, which he knew were the key to get at the kingdoms of Cochin and Travancore. For one reason or other the bargain was never closed. When Tippu came to be in possession of all the petty principalities of the Malabar coast and was making active preparations to conquer Travancore, it became imperative on the part of the Travancore Government to possess these two forts and the circumstances under which they were purchased for Mārttaṇḍavarman, the then Mahārājā of Travancore, are given below in the words of Mr. V. Nagamiah, the talented compiler of the Travancore State Manual :—

Purchase of Ayacotta and Cranganore from the Dutch :—

“About 1789 Tippu began his march from Coimbatore with 20,000 regular infantry, 10,000 spearmen and match-lockmen, 5,000 horse and 20 field guns. At Palghat he opened negotiations with the Dutch to purchase the forts at Cranganore and Ayacotta which flanked the defence of Travancore lines. The Mahārājā thought it advisable to purchase these forts from the Dutch and ordered Dewan Kēśava Pillai to open up negotiations with them; otherwise according to the arrangement entered into with the Company, the British force could only be used for the protection of Travancore boundary, and hence if these forts were captured by Tippu, the Company's regiments would not assist the Travancore sepoys in the interior. The Dutch Governor consulting Dewan Kēśava Pillai as to the best method of stopping Tippu's forces at last resolved to sell the two forts to Travancore. The bargain was struck and the agreement was executed on the 31st July, 1789 A. D. This was subsequently ratified by the Government of Batavia. The following is an authentic translation of the agreement for the purchase of the fort of Cranganore and the outpost of Ayacotta, obtained from the Government Records of Fort St. George :—

“The Enlightened and Powerful King of Travancore, Wanji Bala Marthanda Rama Varma, has sent his first State Minister and Dewan, the respectable Kēśava Pillai to the most worshipful John Gerard van Angelbeck, Governor of the Netherlands India and commander of the forces of the Enlightened and Powerful Netherlands Company in the Malabar Coast with the intention of purchasing from the Company the Fort of Cranganore and the Post of Ayacotta with the gardens and lands belonging thereto; having consulted and negotiated upon this, it was adjusted on the following condition :—

“The Dewan Kēśava Pillai has bought for his Master, and the Hon'ble Governor Van Angelbeck on the part of the Company has sold to the King of Travancore for the just sum of three hundred thousand Surat Rupees, the Fort of Cranganore and the Post of Ayacotta, with the cannon and ordnance belonging to them as they now stand together with the powder-magazine, though no small arms or any other effects and further, the following lands and gardens :—

| | | | | Rs. |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| The Miskuton Island now leased for | ... | ... | ... | 300 |
| The Garden of Kilo Barki now leased for | ... | ... | ... | 115 |

| | | | Rs. |
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| The Garden of Ancencio de Rosa leased for ... | ... | ... | 190 |
| The Garden of Nagachetty leased for ... | ... | ... | 164 |
| The Garden of Hendrick Meyar leased for ... | ... | ... | 230 |
| The Garden of Babo Probo leased for ... | ... | ... | 64 |
| The Garden of Alewyn leased for ... | ... | ... | 310 |
| The Garden of Dama Moosa leased for ... | ... | ... | 1,220 |
| The Garden of Arekel Ittopod leased for ... | ... | ... | 199 |
| The Garden of Konoto Barki leased for ... | ... | ... | 115 |

"The purchase and sale is agreed to upon this condition, that the King of Travancore shall not hinder the navigation of the river past the fort, either to the Company's vessels or to the vessels of the King of Cochin or their subjects, whether the same be empty or loaded with rice, paddy or goods of any description, as also all floats of wood and bamboos, etc., in a word all goods whatever without exception shall pass and repass free and without hindrance nor shall there be any new tax put upon them.

"The King promises solemnly that the firewood which must be brought from above Cranganore shall not be prevented on any pretext or taxed with any duty whatever, but on the contrary that he will assist all in his power to forward the firewood to Cochin by every possible means.

"The Leper's House at Paliporto with the buildings, garden and further ground belonging to it remain in the full and free possession of the Company.

"The Romish Church at Cranganore and Ayacottah stands from ancient time under the Company and must remain under them. The King shall not interfere with the same or with the parsons. The Christians are to remain vassals of the Company and must not be burthened with any new tax.

"The Parson's house at Paliporto which the Governor erected and gave as a present to the Church shall remain with the Church and no new burdens be permitted.

"The inhabitants shall keep their gardens and lands that they now possess as private property, such as are Christians remain the same as the Catholic Christian vassals of the Company and must not thus under any pretence be burthened with additional taxes, only paying to the King the sum they formerly paid to the Company.

"The King promises before the delivery of the aforesaid fort and lands to make a payment in ready money of Rs 50,000 and the four following years to pay in equal instalments by furnishing an account of pepper annually to the amount of Rs. 62,500 for the better security of which, and as lawful debtors the merchants David Rahaboy, Ephraim Cohen and Ananta Setty bind themselves.

"All this was negotiated in the Fort of Cochin in the year Koilang 974 and on the 19th of the month of Karkadagom or the 31st July 1789."

The whole transaction was carried out in the presence of Powney, the British Resident in Travancore. * * * (Vol. I, pp. 390-91)

"**Palliport**—It was in the 1045 (1870 A. D.) that the Government assumed the direct management of the small but rich tract known as Palliport, which had till then been leased out successively to influential landlords for terms of years. (Ibid., p. 556)."

When all the Dutch possessions fell into the hands of the English, the enclave in Pallippuram on which the Romish Church and the Leper Asylum stand also became theirs. The asylum and the hospital attached to it are maintained by the British Government at present and this bit of land like Anjengo, Tangassery, etc., is placed under the British Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

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No. XII

Two Inscriptions of Vikramaditya Varaguna

TWO INSCRIPTIONS OF VIKRAMADITYA VARAGUNA

A. PALIYAM PLATES OF VARAGUNA OF THE VRISHNI-KULA

The subjoined inscription is engraved on two copper-plates which are the last ones of a set, the first portion of which is lost. These were found, along with others, in the house of the Paliyattu Achchan, who kindly gave me a short loan of them for taking their impressions; from impressions so prepared I now edit this inscription.

The record is in a very good state of preservation. The first side of the first plate contains the end of the Tamil portion of the document which is lost and which is also referred to in the Sanskrit portion. The Sanskrit portion begins on the second side of the first plate and is continued on both sides of the second plate. The **alphabet** of the Tamil portion resembles the early Chōla and later Pallava records, while the Sanskrit part is in Nāgari of the type that is employed in the Mahābalipuram inscription of the Atirānāchāṇḍēśvara cave-temple (*Ep. Ind.* Vol. X, pl. II, facing page 14), and in the Karhādī plates of Kṛishṇa III (*Ep. Ind.* Vol. IV, plates facing pp. 284—5) etc. The language of the Tamil portion is Old Tamil and that of the Nāgari portion, Sanskrit. The Tamil fragment contains the boundaries of the land that was granted. The second part of the record in Sanskrit begins with an invocation to **Śauddhodani** (i. e. Buddha, the son of Śuddhōdana) the **Dharma** and the **Sangha**; then comes a description of the **Yādava-vamśa**, which is said to have come from the moon, who became free from his dark spots by giving birth to this illustrious family. The Astagiri, the Udaya-parvata, the Himālaya, and the Malaya-śaila resemble the pillars of victory set up by the members of this family, to which the four oceans served as servant-maids, waving white *chāmara*s, the foam-crested waves. Though the earlier kings of this dynasty are dead, the memory of the clouds of smoke that arose from the horse sacrifices made by them is revived by the clouds in the sky resembling them closely. These very clouds imitate the kings of this line in munificence by bringing from the four oceans their substance (water) and bestowing it upon land and obtain thereby merit for themselves. Then, the family (*vamśa*, bamboo), which produced the pearls, the kings, whom it wishes to be above all kings (*kṣhiti-dhara*, mountain), as long as the moon and the stars last, is blessed. On **a Thursday, in the Mṛigasirsha nakshatra, in the month Paushya, when the Sun was in the Makara-rāśi**, the king granted land, the boundaries and other details of which are said to be given in the *Dramaḍa-vachana* (Tamil language), which the reader is referred to. The land was placed under the protection of Vira Kōta. The document ends with an exhortation from the king Varaguna addressed to his successors for protecting this charity. The donee is said to be the Bhaṭṭāraka of Tirumūlapādam. From this name it cannot be made out if the God is Buddha, Śiva or Viṣṇu; nor am I able to find out where this temple of Tirumūlapādatu Bhaṭṭāraka was situated.

The name of the king is given merely as Varaguna. The possibility of mistaking this prince for the Pāṇḍya king of that name is precluded by the mention of the fact that he belonged to the Vṛishṇi-kula. The only other identification that can be attempted is with the Vikramāditya Varaguna of the Huzur Office Plate, (*Trav. Arch. Series*, No. 11, pp. 17-19). In my paper on that grant, I have shown that Vikramāditya Varaguna must be the immediate successor of Kō-k-Karunandaḍakkar and must therefore have lived shortly after A. D. 866. Dewan Bahadur L. D. Swamikkannu Pillai, M. A., LL. B., very kindly calculated the date of this inscription for me and wrote that "the required date is **Thursday, 30th December, A. D. 868**, which fell in the month of Makara, Lunar Pushya, Sukla Dvādasi, the day of Nakshatra Mṛigaśira. On Thursday, 30th December, A. D. 868 which fell in the Solar month Makara, Pausha Sukla Dvādasi ended at 24½ *ghaṭīkas* after mean-sunrise and Nakshatra Mṛigaśira at 43 *ghaṭīkas* after sunrise." This year, the

inscription says, was the **15th of the life of Varaguṇa**; therefore the first year of the life of Varaguṇa, that is, the year in which he was born must be A. D. 853. As Kō-kKarunandaḍakkan lived, at least, till 866, and Varaguṇa could not have begun his reign before that date; when he ascended the throne, he must have been quite a young man of about 13 years of age.

The invocations to Buddha, the Dharma, and the Saṅgha have not hitherto been met with in inscriptions of the Tamiḷ kings, such as those of the Chōlas, the Pāṇdyas, the Chēras, etc. It is only from literature that we learn that the worship of Buddha existed in the Tamiḷ country and that some of the Pāṇdyas and Chēras were of Buddha persuasion, but no epigraphical confirmation of it was hitherto forthcoming. In some places on the west coast, like Māvelikkara, etc., we meet with images of Buddha, clearly corroborating the fact that the worship of Buddha existed in the Tamiḷ land so late as the 9th Century A. D.

In the Huzur Office Plates of Kō-kKarunandaḍakkar, I stated, on the authority of Mahāmahō-pādhyāya V. Svāmīnātha Ayyar, that a place called Aykkūḍi was the capital of the Āy chieftains. This Aykkūḍi is generally identified with a place of that name near Śeṅgōṭṭai, in the eastern border of the Travancore State. The utter absence of even the smallest trace of antiquities, not even a comparatively old temple with a few old inscriptions, clearly indicates that this insignificant village could not have been the capital of a race of kings who passed for one of the seven great *vallāls* (*mahādātās*, great givers) of the Tamiḷ land. No place in India remains great which had not been so from the earliest times,—(excepting those very few towns like Madras, Bombay and Calcutta which have grown to empires in modern times)—witness Delhi, Kāsi, Kāñchi, Tanjore, Madura etc. If Āykkūḍi was similarly a place of importance in earlier times it could not have become so completely insignificant that, to-day, it possesses not even a mound of earth covering the *dēbris* of some old structure, a temple or traces of fort-wall etc.; it is not also situated in any favourable position as on the bank of a fairly big river, near a strong mountain chain, etc., to deserve, according to the notion of the early Hindus, being the capital of a kingdom. On the other hand the popular belief that this Āykkūḍi is the ancient capital of the Āy chieftains is directly opposed to the fact that, according to Paṇṇāṇṇuṇṇu, it was situated near the Pōdiya mountain. This Aykkūḍi is at least 35 miles from the Pōdiya mountain. Dr. Caldwell in this Comparative Grammar of Dravidian Languages states that the Greek Geographers who visited South India in the early centuries of the Christian era have described many places of which Kōttiara is one. About this he writes “This is the name of a place in the country of the ‘Aii’ or ‘Paralia’ (identical with South Travancore), which is called ‘Kōttiara Metropolis’, by Ptolemy, ‘Kōttara’ by Pliny. Undoubtedly the town referred to is Kōṭṭāru, or, as it is ordinarily spelt by the Europeans, Kōtāur, the principal town in South Travancore, and now, as in the time of the Greeks distinguished for its commerce.” But then Caldwell has not said anything about the Aii or Paralia. The first name evidently refers to the chieftains of the **Āy** family, while the second name is that of a river, the **Paraliyāru**; by ‘the country of Paralia’ we must understand the country watered by the river Parali; this is no other than the South Travancore. This is also the same country as the Vēṇāḍu mentioned in inscriptions. It is curious to note here that Mr. Venkayya calls this country of Vēṇ. “The ruler of Vēṇ is then conquered and put to death; his town of Vīlīṇam, ‘whose fortifications were as strong as those of the fort in Laṅka’, is destroyed. . . .” (1) The same scholar writes that the Pāṇḍya king Neḍuṇḍaḍaiyaṇ or Jaṭilavarman Parāntaka I., conquered the ‘Āyavēḷ’, by which, I believe, he means Āy-vēḷ. I do not know if the metre,—(if the record is written in verse),—requires the name Āy-vēḷ to be read as Āyavēḷ for the sake of metre, or if Mr. Venkayya has misread it. Whatever it might be, there is no justification for taking Vēṇmaṇṇaṇ, as the ruler of Vēṇ. The compound Vēṇmaṇṇaṇ is divisible into *vēḷ* and *maṇṇaṇ*, the *vēḷ* prince, or the prince of Vēṇāḍu (the land or country of the *vēḷs*). The facts referred to in the Madras Museum and the Vēḷvikūḍi grants about the conquest of the prince of ‘Vēṇ’ and the ‘Āyavēḷ’ points to only one

(1) *An. Rep.* on Epigraphy for the year 1908, p. 63, para. 19.

event, which took place in the reign of Jaṭilavarman Parāntaka, who ruled about the middle of the 8th century A.D. This king, Māraṇḍaiyaṇ as he is called in the Kaḷugumalai epigraph, which I have published in No. I of the *Trav. Arch. Series*, invaded the Malaiṇāḍu belonging to Karunandan in the 23rd year of his reign, apparently a second time; for, the Velvikūḍi grant, which is dated the third year of his reign, claims for him the conquest of Āy-vēl, even so early as the third year of the reign of the king; and the fact is repeated also in his 17th year in the Madras Museum grant. It then appears that early in the reign of the Pāṇḍya king Jaṭilavarman Parāntaka, the kingdom of the Āy chieftains was overrun by him and the then ruling Āy killed. The king who suffered death in the hands of Parāntaka might be the father Karunandan, of Karunaḍaḍakkaṇ. The latter evidently became the vassal of the Pāṇḍyas and as is usual with vassals, he assumed the name Śrīvallabha of his overlord for himself and gave the name Varaguna to his son. After the Chōḷa conquest of the Vēṇāḍu, its chieftains were suffered to continue as vassals for a very long time. In the inscriptions of the kings of the Kīḷappēṇṇī Ilam and the Tiruppāppūr Svarūpam, they are all distinctly called the rulers of Vēṇāḍu. This latter family branched off into the Jayatuṅgaṇāḍu, Tiruppāppūr etc. divisions, all of which became amalgamated into one and are represented to-day by the present dynasty of the Travancore kings. In an ancient Malayāḷam work called *Uṇṇunili-sandēśam*, the author addresses a prince, **Ravivarman** (perhaps his patron), as *Vēṇāḍar-koṇ*, a fact which clearly shows that the Travancore kings were known also as the Vēṇāḍu kings. (1)

Text (2)

First Plate: First Side

1. இலைஞத்துக்கு மேலெல்லை மேல்காணிபார் குளத்துக்கும் பிடாரி கோயிலுக்குங்-
கிழக்கு வடவெல்லை வண்டாழங்கோட்டுக்கு தெற்று பண்ணி குடித்திருக்கு.-
2. கரைத்தேவர் பழஞ்சிக்குத் தெற்கு மண்ணை இரண்டுங் கீழ்துளத்து படுவன ஒற்-
றிக்காண்கோவாக இலை[கு] த்தோடே சென்றுவருவன சிற்பிடைச்செ தென்வா.-
3. [மு] போப் இலைஞத்து நீர்ச்சாய்வு இலைஞத்து வடபுறவழியே போப் இலைஞத்துக்-
கொற்றிகோட்டமகப்படைக் கோவன்குளத்தொடு காலநெரிக்குளத்தினிடைபாரம்.-
4. பே போப் காலனெரிக்குள மலைஞத்துக்கு புரவாக தெரிதிண்டிவபலுக்குந் தெங்-
கறைக்கு நடுவாக-
5. ப்போயின இடைநழியாகப் போயின கீழிடுவைக்கு மேக்கு முதிச்சிபழஞ்சியோடு
நெடுமண்.-
6. டைபார் பழஞ்சி நடுவோயின இடைநழிக்குமிடத்திற் பழஞ்சிக்கு புருகே போ-
யின இடுவை-
7. க்குங் கோற்புரிப் பழஞ்சிக்கு மேக்கு கிடந்த இறைவக்கு தெற்கு இடைக்காட்டு
நல்லிளையானையன் கோயிலுக்கு தெற்கு கரு-
8. நந்தருமன் குடி இருந்த வளர்வகப்பட கடலங் தூத்துக்கு தெற்கு பறைக்கு தெற்கு
வலிபலான்றி இருவிந்தெல்ல தெற்கு குருந்துக்கு
9. தெற்கு கீழெல்லை ஒற்றைப்பனைக்கு மேக்கு நடு கல்லுக்கு மேக்கு தென்னெல்லை
நாடும்புழன்றியும் படுநிலனீக்கி இதனகம் தொளிக்கோ-
10. ட்டொடு கூடப் புன்செய் கூட்டுந் தறிக்கூறையுழுகோடு செல்லுப்பு[லை]யரும்
மற்றுங்கோயிற்குரிய தெல்லாமகப்பட திருமுலவாதத்து பாடார்க்கட்டிடுகித்.-

(1) Compare also the Kapḍiyur Inscription published in a subsequent number of this Series.

(2) From inked impressions.

First Plate : Second Side.

11. ओ सस्ति ॥ यः कल्याणमयः[*] स्वयम्बितनुते⁽¹⁾ यः कल्पकस्य स्थितिं यस्मादभ्युदितस्तमांसि
हरते सद्भर्मा⁽²⁾वर्माद्युतिः[*] यत्पादाश्रयि[णो]
12. भवन्ति सुखिनस्सर्वे गणाः प्राणिनान्वेद्यान्मेरुरिवापरस्त्रिजगतौ स०वां
स शौद्धोदनिः ॥ [१*]⁽²⁾ आत्माकारग्रहणविमुखा-
13. बाह्यतापाङ्गलीलौ प्रापो⁽³⁾ नित्यं श्रुतिमवितृषानेकरूपावबोधौ [*] दिव्या
भूमेर्निखिल⁽⁴⁾ कुमतिध्वान्तरोधान्विता-
14. याः ने[त्रा]येतां जितकुवलयौ धर्मसंघौ चिराय [२*]⁽⁵⁾ निध्पन्द(1)मान
करुणामृतवारिपूरः() निर्व्द्वौ[त]-
15. निर्[र्म]लतरेव विराजमाना [*] लक्ष्मीश्चिराय भजतामक्लोकितस्य
दिश्यात्तु नः शिशिरदीधितितुल्यकान्तिः ॥ [३*]⁽⁶⁾
16. ज्यो[त्स्ना]पूर इवामलशशधरादाह्लादयन्मेदिनो यः
प्रार्वर्तत यद्वेन शशिनन्मत्का⁽⁷⁾ कलङ्कः कचित् [१*]

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17. यस्यास्तोदयहिम्यशैलमलयाः सैन्धेभदन्तावली-
टङ्कक्षुण्णतटा भवन्ति विजय-
18. स्तम्भा जगान्निर्जये ॥ [४*]⁽⁸⁾ आसौयस्य विलोल-
वीचिकलिकावाहाप्रफनावलोप्रेङ्खबा-

(1) Read स्वयं वितनुते.

(2) Metre, शार्दूलविक्रीडितम्.

(3) Read प्राप्तौ०.

(4) Read ०भूमेर्निखिल०.

(5) Metre, मंदाक्रान्ता.

(6) Metre, वसन्ततिलका.

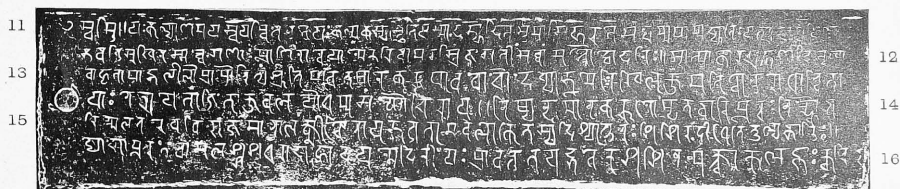
(7) Read शशिनं मुक्तवा०.

(8) Metre of verses 4—6 शार्दूलविक्रीडितम्.

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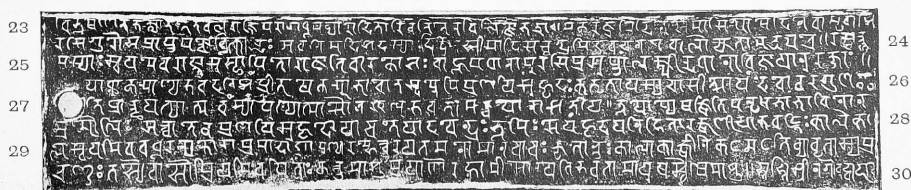
I.b.



II.a.



II.b.



19. मरचारुचारचतुरा दासी चतुस्सागरी [1*] य[जा]तस्य
करोति मूर्द्धि मुकुटीवन्धैकवन्धो रमा लोलाम्भो-
20. रहमण्डलेन ललितां रत्नातपत्रश्रियम् ॥ [९*] यज्जातिव-
नुबन्धयाजिप् गतेष्वद्यापि तारापथे लक्ष्यन्ते
21. हयमेघधूमनिकरा लघ्ना इवाम्भोधराः [1*] यत्रयानिव
चानुकर्तुमथ ते गत्वा चतुस्सागरीम्बर्षन्त्याहतमाहत-⁽⁹⁾
22. भवसमतीभूयै स्वसारोच्चयम् ॥ [६*] स्थेयाक्षितिमृतान्मूर्द्धि⁽¹⁰⁾
स्फुरन्मुक्ताफलोदयः [1*] वंशो वाष्णैयभूपानां सोयमा.....⁽¹¹⁾

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23. विभूषणेन [1*] भक्तयानतेन वलराजिपरागधूम[व्या]-
रोदितारिवनितेन विलि[ञ्ज]म[त्रा] ॥⁽¹²⁾ मकरजुरि⁽¹³⁾ दिनेशे मासि पौषे दिने वा मृगशि-
24. रसि गुरौ स प्राप्तप[ञ्चवि]कायुः [1*] अवनिमदिशदस्या(:) दिक्षु
सीमादि सर्वेन्द्रमिडवचन एवालोक्यताम[त्र] पत्रे ॥⁽¹⁴⁾ रक्षार्थ-
25. मस्याः स्वयमेव रा[ज्ञा] सुस्थापितो राजति [वी]रकोतः [1*]
बाहूपधानामुरसि प्रसुतां लक्ष्मीन्दधानो विजयानुरक्तां ॥⁽¹⁵⁾
26. या[च्वा]क[र्म]प्यमवदनिशं प्रीत[ये] क[र्म]भावो न स्वप्नेपि
प्रणयिसुहृदः कर्तृता यस्य चासीत्सोयन्देवो⁽¹⁶⁾ वरगुण इ-

(9) Read सागरीवर्ष० and हतं वसु०.

(10) Read मृतांमूर्द्धि०.

(11) Metre, अनुष्टुप्.

(12) Metre, वसन्ततिलका.

(13) Read मकरजुषि०.

(14) Metre, मालिनी.

(15) Read ०रक्ताम्. Metre इन्द्रवज्रा.

(16) Read चासीत् । सोऽयन्देवो०.

27. ति प्रार्थयस्यात्म'श्या⁽¹⁷⁾ पुण्यात्मासौ न खलु भवतामन्वयो नायः शनी॥⁽¹⁸⁾
भूयोप्येष क्षितिप[वृ]ष[भो] भाविनो न-
28. भ्रमौलिः [सर्व]ानेव प्रणयिसुहृदो याचते यादवेन्द्रः [।*]
भूमिः सेयं हृदयनिहिता रक्षणीया भवद्भिः काले का-
29. ले स्वयमिव वधूरन्य[भो]गप्रमादात् ॥ पुण्यास्मि लरयत
मनो मानवा वः कृतान्तः कालाकाङ्क्षी निकृष्टमति व्यावृतास्यप्र-
30. चण्डः [।*] तस्यैवासौ प्रियमिव पित्राः⁽¹⁹⁾ कर्तुमाशुप्रयाणै रूहामीशो नयति
भवतामायुषश्शेषिमाशु⁽²⁰⁾ ॥ स्वस्ति श्री न गोद्वादशि.

Translation ⁽¹⁾

Om, be it well. He who is himself full of happiness, who manifests the condition of the *kalpaka* tree, from whom having risen, the sun of the right path dispels darkness, at whose feet seeking refuge, all kinds of living beings become happy,—may he, the son of Śuddhōdana, support all the three worlds like another Mēru.

V. 2. Averse to the assumption of the nature of the self, (unable to perceive their own form), bearing the forehead mark called the *apāṇḍa* as an adornment, (casting sportive side-glances), listening daily (to the Dharma) without satiety, (always and without cessation extending up to the ears), possessing knowledge of various kinds (perceiving multifarious forms), and victorious throughout the globe, (surpassing in beauty the blue lily), may the Dharma and the Saṅgha be, for a long time, like two eyes to the goddess Earth who is infested with the darkness of all bad religions.

V. 3. Brilliant as if well washed and purified by the flood of the nectar of mercy flowing out, may the moon-like radiance of the Buddha long grant prosperity to us, his worshippers.

Vv. 4—6. Which originated from the moon, pure (white) like a flood of moonlight gladdening the world, owing to whose origin the stain has left the moon and is somewhere, and in respect of whose conquest of the world, the mountains of sunset and sunrise, the Himalaya and the Malaya become pillars of victory, their slopes being cut into by the rows of chisel-like tusks of their army-elephants; for whom the oceans become a servant-maid clever in beautifully waving their *chauri*-like rows of foam with the palm-like crests of their moving billows; for any one born in which, the goddess Lakshmi, with her round sportive lotus, furnishes a beautiful umbrella of gems over his head ever accustomed to wear a crown; though whose members that were incessantly performing sacrifices are no more, yet the clouds appear like the volumes of smoke from their horse-sacrifices still sticking to the firmament; and, as if in imitation of whose members

(17) Read वंश्यान्पुण्याः.

(18) Metre of this and the following verse, मन्दाक्रान्ता.

(19) Read पिता.

(20) Read शेषिमाशु. Metre, मन्दाक्रान्ता.

(1) The Tamil portion of the record being fragmentary, has been left untranslated.

they (the clouds), fetching water from time to time from the four oceans, pour forth their whole essence for the prosperity of the world ; may this dynasty of Vṛiṣṇi kings, shining like (a jewel of) pearls, remain at the head of kings as long as (the sun and moon last).⁽¹⁾

(The incomplete verse is left untranslated).

V. 7 to the end. **When the sun was in Makara, in the month of Pausha, on a Thursday when the moon was in Mrigaśira**, he made a grant of land. The boundaries, etc., on all sides thereof may be seen in the Tamil portion of this document. For its protection was appointed by the king himself Vira-Kōta on whose breast Lakshmi, enamoured of victory, is sleeping with his arm for a pillow. To whom it was always a pleasure to be the object of begging, but who, the friend of devotees, was not, even in dream, the subject thereof ; he, king **Varaguṇa**, entreats the member of his dynasty as follows :—" This meritorious dynasty of yours should not be ruined." Once again the best of kings, the greatest of Yādava kings, with bowed head entreats all his successors, friends of their devotees, as follows : " This land, like a wife, should be kept at heart and personally safeguarded by you time after time from the possibility of enjoyment by another. O men, hasten your minds to deeds of merit. The god of Death, terrible with mouth wide open, is roaming near awaiting (his) time ; and, as if to show him favour, his father, the lord of day, with quick marches, hurriedly leads away the remainder of your lives. Be it well ! Śrī (na) Gō-dvādaśi.

B. CHITARAL INSCRIPTION

Chitarāl is a village situated about four miles to the north-east of Kuḷitturai, the head-quarter of the Viḷavaṅḡḍ talūka in the Southern Division of the Travancore State. Near this village stands the small craggy hill called the **Tiruchchāṇattu-malai**. On the top of it there is a natural



Mahavira-Tirthankara in the central shrine in the temple

cave formed by an overhanging rock resting upon another. This cave has been improved by masonry work into a temple, with, in front, a *maṇḍapa*, a verandah, the *bali-piṭha* and a kitchen. All of them are at present in a bad state of repair. The cave is facing the west ; on the north of it, on the over-

(1) Here is a break, in the record, which is inexplicable.

hanging rock, are carved in half-relief a number of figures of the Tirthaṅkaras and of the goddess Padmavatiḍēvi (?). The central shrine (which is the original natural cave) is divided into three chambers, in the proper right of which was the plaster figure of the **Devī**, in the middle, **Mahāvira** - Tirthaṅkara and in the proper left, **Pārsvanātha**-Tirthaṅkara. The temple was recently broken into by thieves and the plaster images were all destroyed. Fortunately, the pretty stone images of **Mahāvira** and **Pārsvanātha** have been spared and are at present occupying their old position in the middle and the left chambers of the central shrine. On the top of the overhanging rock immediately above the central shrine is built a brick *gōpura* with here and there a Jain figure; a portion of the *gōpura*, being struck probably by lightning, is ruined.

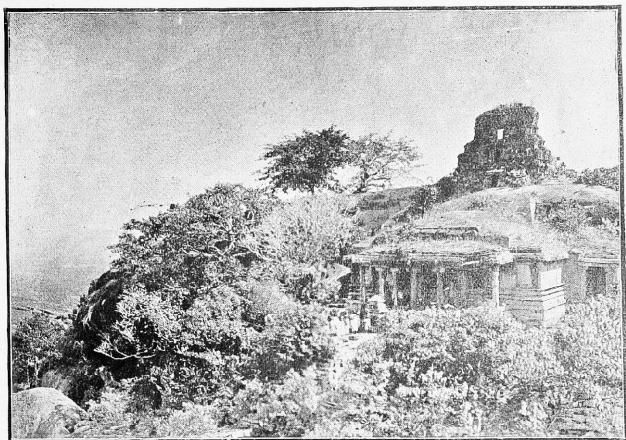
At present the temple is worshipped by the Hindus which they believe to be the temple of Bhagavati and a Tamil brāhmaṇa is doing the *pūjas*. Even so early as Ko. 425 (A. D. 1250), it appears to have been converted into a Bhagavati temple; for, an inscription engraved on the rock south of the temple, written in Tamil characters, states that one Nārāyaṇa. . . Tamilap-Pallavaraiyaṇ of Rājavalapuram in the Kil-Vēmbanāḍu gave some money for expenses of the temple of the Bhagavati at Tiruchchāpam. The front *maṇḍapa* contains brahmanical sculptures on some of the pillars showing that at the time of its construction the temple had passed into the hands of the Hindus. Even in the early days, the *Dēvi* seems to have been the chief deity of the place; because it will be seen in the inscription edited below, gifts are made to the Bhaṭāriyār.

The Tiruchchāraṇattu-malai, as it is known to be the correct name of the hill from the inscriptions, means the hill holy to the *chāraṇas*; the **Chuḍāmaṇi-nighaṇṭu** informs us that *chāraṇas* are the eight classes of *Samaṇas* who have attained *ṛiddhi* and consequently are capable of concealing themselves in flowers, water or sky. The eight classes are given as follows: *sthala-chāraṇas jala-ch.*, *phala-ch.*, *pushpa-ch.*, *tanu-ch.*, *chatur-aṅgula-ch.*, *śaṅkha-ch* and *ākāśa-ch.*; they always go out two at a time for the purpose of preaching *dharma*. The **Śendaṇār Divākara-nighaṇṭu** states that the name *chāraṇa* might be applied to any Jain ascetic. I suppose we must understand the meaning of the name Tiruchchāraṇattu-malai to be the hill sacred to the Jain ascetics or where these people lived in large numbers. The place seems to have been sufficiently famous in earlier times so as to attract Jains from such distant places as Tirunaṇḍogōḍai, in the Tirukkoṻyilūr talukā of the S. Arcot district, from Kuḍavāsāl, in the Tanjore district, etc. These persons have left votive images cut on the rock with inscriptions under each of them giving the name, etc., of the individual who caused it to be sculptured.

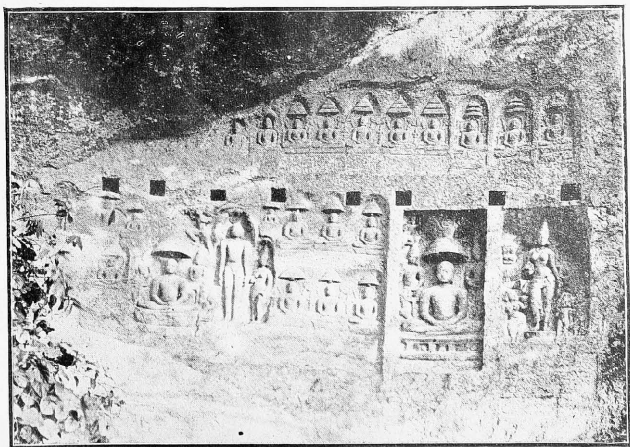
The inscription published below is engraved on a rock on the south of the temple and is not well preserved, being exposed fully to hot sun throughout the day. Besides this one, there are a few others very much more worn out than this; and, excepting one record, the rest are not so old as this inscription. The subjoined record, written in **Vaṭṭeḷuttu** characters and in the **Tamil** language, belongs to the 28th year of the reign of the king **Vikramāditya Varaguna**; it records that **Guṇandāngi-kurattigal**, the disciple of **Araṭṭanemi-bhaṭāra** of Pērayakkuḍi gave some golden ornaments to the **Bhaṭāriyār** of the **Tiruchchāraṇattu-malai**. There are not many orthographical or grammatical peculiarities in the document which require any special notice here. Tiruchchāraṇattu-malai and Pērayakkuḍi are the only two places mentioned in the document. The first needs no identification. The second appears to be Kaḷugumalai, for, in one of the inscriptions found there the name Pērayakkuḍi occurs, but I am not certain of its correctness; I only say that there is a likelihood, because Kaḷugumalai also happened to be an important Jain settlement in the olden times.

Text

1. வலிபூரி [[*]] கோவிக்கிராமத்தித் த வாரு-
வ த
2. னார்க்குச் செல்லாநின்ற யாண்டு [இ]-



General view of the temple of Bhagavati on the Tiruchchanattu-malai.



Sculptures on the overhanging rock on the north of the temple.

3. ருபத்தெட்டு [||*] இவ்வாண்டு பேரயக்கு-
4. டி-அரட்டேநெமிபடார மணுக்கிகள் குண-
5. ந்தாங்கிக் குரத்திகள் திருச்சார [ண*] த்துப் ப-
6. டாரியார்க்கு, [....க்காட்டப் பொன்க்காட்டி] [தலவி] [பொன்க்காட்டி] [பொன்க்காட்டி]
7.பட்டமும் பொற்-
8. ப்பூவுமா.....ங்கழஞ்சு கழஞ்சு.....
9.ண.....பட இட்டது [||*]

Translation

Hail ! Prosperity ! The year twenty-eight (of the reign) of the king Vikramāditya Varaguna (was current). This year, Guṇandāṅgi-kkurattigal, the disciple of Aṇṇanēmi-bhaṭṭara of Pēray-akkuḍi, gave gold fillet, golden flower
kaḷaṇṇu *kaḷaṇṇu*

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No. XIII

Tirupparappu Fragmentary Set of Copper-Plates.

THE TIRUPPARAPPU FRAGMENTARY COPPER-PLATE INSCRIPTION.

Tirupparappu is a village situated on the bank of the Kōdaiyāru in S. Travancore. In the middle of the village is a large Śiva temple, and a short distance from it the river falls to a depth of about twenty feet. The Tirupparappu falls are one of the picturesque falls of S. India.

The fragmentary document edited below was discovered in the temple of Śiva mentioned above. It is engraved on two copper-plates which are the first and last ones of a set, the middle plates of which are lost. The search for the lost plates has proved hitherto useless. The two plates were bound together by a ring which was already cut. The first side of the first is engraved on the inner or the second side only, while the second plate has writing on the first side only. The language of the first portion of the record is Sanskrit while that of the second portion, Tamil. The inscription begins with an invocation to Śiva. It breaks off unfortunately at the most important part, that is, where it begins to trace the genealogy of the Yādavas, to whose race the donor of the document belonged. As it is the inscription is of no historical value, but the Tamil portion of it presents a number of palaeographic peculiarities, for which at least it is worth publishing.

The secondary *â* symbol is as often affixed to the consonant as written separately; nor is the distinction between the long *â* symbol and the letter *r* marked. Sometimes the secondary *â* symbol has a greater length than *r*, which is against the custom in vogue at the period to which this inscription belongs. The consonant *ṇa* is written once as in modern Tamil alphabet; compare the *ṇ* in *dēvaṇ* in l. 2. In all other instances it is similar in appearance to the modern Tamil secondary *ai* symbol. The long *ṇâ* is formed by the addition of a separate secondary *â* symbol as in the formation of *kâ*, *châ*, etc., and not by attaching a curvilinear stroke in continuation with its end vertical line. Compare *ṇâ* in *Udâraviraṇṇâṇṇa* occurring in u. 1. in *Nāgaṇ* in l. 4 and in *perumpaiṇṇaṇṇaṇṇa* in l. 9.

The secondary *nâ* has a very curious shape. The curvilinear stroke which is usually affixed to *ṇ* to produce the long *ṇâ* is added to the common *n*; secondary *nâ* looks in the present form like *nra* of the Grantha alphabet: compare the *nâ* in *Nârâyaṇaṇ* in ll. 3 and 5, in *Nāgaṣaṇmaṇ* in l. 4, in *Nârâṣaṇaṇ* in ll. 6 and 7 and in *nâṭṭu* in l. 8.

The rules regarding the usage of the letters *n* and *ṇ* are utterly disregarded and they are used promiscuously. In the word *Sēṇḍaṇ*, for instance, occurring in l. 1, *ṇ* is employed next to *śē*; the same peculiarity might be observed repeated in the same word occurring in l. 4; in this instance, the perversion is complete in that even the final *n* is *n* instead of *ṇ*. In the name *Mādaṇa* in l. 7, the final *n* is also a common *n* instead of *ṇ*, with two rings.

The secondary *ai* is formed by the addition, in all cases without exception, of the two ringed *ai* symbol: cf., *kai* in *Kaḍigaipattanam* and *ṇai* in *aṇai* in l. 1, *ḍai* in *maṇṇuḍaiyāṇ* in l. 2, *paṇḍaiyāṇ* in l. 3, *rai* in *karai* in l. 3, in *mullai* and *talai* in l. 4 and in *ṇai* in *paṇai* in l. 9.

The short *śu* (*chu*) is written quite differently in this document from other inscriptions of the same period. Instead of the end being carried to the right and then the secondary *u* formed by the addition of a vertical line below, it is curved down in the centre of the letter and drawn to a short distance below: cf. *chu* occurring in *Achchudaṇ* in l. 5. The long *śû* (*chiû*) is obtained by adding the lengthening symbol, a short curve, opening at the top, at the end of the descending stroke of *śu* short, adverted to above. Compare *śû* in *śûḷ* in l. 2.

Distinction between short *ku* and the long *kû* is drawn by taking round the end of the short *ku* far to the left of the letter to convert it into *kû*; cf. *ku* in *Kumaraṇ* in l. 5 and *kû* in *Kūḍal* in l. 3, *gu* in *paṇḍaiyāṇ* in l. 3 and *gû* in *Vengûr* in l. 7.

The Grantha vowel *i* is of special interest now that Dr. Fleet has traced the evolution of this letter of the Telugu-Kannaḍa group of alphabets in the recent issue of the *Epigraphia Indica*. Here, as in other old Grantha inscriptions of about the age of this document, it is composed of two parts; the first resembles the Tamil *ḷ*, but, with this difference, *viz.*, that it ends in a circle; the second part consists of a small circle drawn immediately below the loop of the first part. Cf. the vowel *i* occurring in *ilēkhai* in l. 9.

The *pulli* or the sign of *virāma* is employed in several instances; for example, in *ṇ* and *n* in *Śēṇḍan* in l. 4; on *r* in *irvūr* in l. 3, etc.

A full stop is represented by a short horizontal line and the termination of the record is shown by five vertical lines of decreasing lengths and ending with a short straight line.

The grant under consideration is said to have been engraved by one Aviyalanṇaḍakkaṇ, who bore the title, Śrīvallava-pperumbāigaṇ and who was the manufacturer of arms to the king Karunandaḍakkaṇ. The record, from its palaeography and the mention of the name of the arms manufacturer to Karunandaḍakkaṇ, might be assigned either to the reign of Karunandaḍakkaṇ or that of his successor, Vikramāditya Varaguna, and hence the date of the inscription is referable to the last quarter of the 9th century A. D.

Text ⁽¹⁾

Second Plate : First Side.

1. नमो नारायणाय ॥—विभ्रतवभ्रजडावलीक्लयिनीम्
स्वामत्तमांगश्रीयं⁽¹⁾ विभ्रणं ल-
2. छिताक्षसूत्रवलयं व्यालम्बि कृष्णाजिनं
सर्गास्मविद्याकथानविलसत्प्रज्ञाप्रपञ्च-
3. छिरम् वैरिञ्चं वपुरातनोतु भवतामम्भोरुहा-
सिश्रीयम्⁽²⁾ ॥—कामान्नमुचमीमकायविवृति-
4. ध्वस्तान्तरायं रयादाकल्पं कमलेक्षणस्य भवता-
म्प्रोज्झममाणं पदम् शुश्रैरात्मसुवः कम-
5. ण्डलुमवैः प्रक्षालितं वारिभिः पुण्यैः पूरयतु
त्रिलोकसरसीसंरुद्धमम्भोरुहम् ॥—⁽³⁾ दृशान्वयी त्रिपु-

(1) Read. ०श्रियं.

(2) Read. ०श्रियं: Metre, शार्दूलविक्रीडितम्.

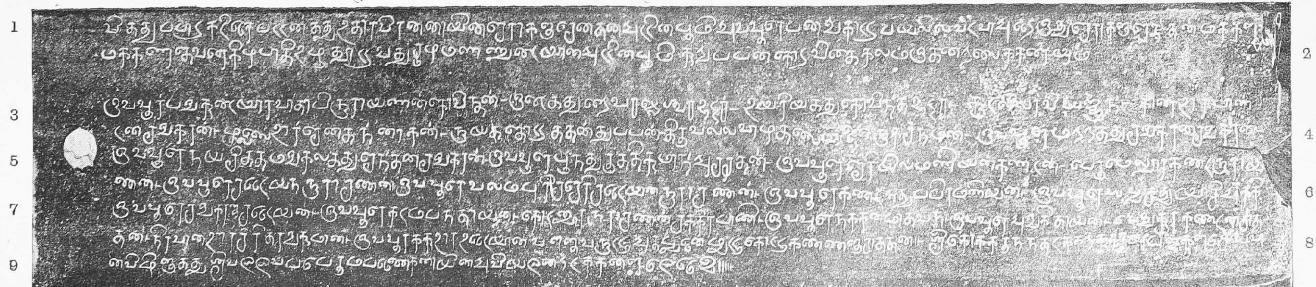
(3) Metre, शार्दूलविक्रीडितम्.

(1) From inked impressions.

I. b.



Next Plate a.



6. रविवातकारिणः कर्माद्भिः क्षपयन् कर्मपाणि वः
यद्वृद्धे हुतमुजि चित्तसम्भवो गतः क्षणात्तुर्गवि-
7. पाणविभ्रमम् ||-(4) भारवतारकरणाय भूवो बभूव
नारायणः किल कुले स्वयमादिदेवः ताराधिपस्य ध. (5)

Last Plate : First Side

1. வித்துப்பாடு கழிகைபட்டனத்து உதாரவீரன் நாயின சோகஞ்சேந்தன் அட்டின பூமி அவ்வுரே பனங்காட்டு வயலில் வடவர் அறை [I*] இது சோகஞ்சேந்தன் மக்கள்
2. மக்களே தேவன் கீழ்பாதி உழுதுட்டுவது [II*] சூழ்மண்ணுடையான் அட்டின பூமி குறுப்பன் கோடு [I*] விதைகலம் [I*] இதன் றலைக்கரையும் [II*]
3. இவ்வூர் பங்குடையார் வாத்தாபிராராயணன் கோவினன்—இடைத்துறை வாரஜெஸ்ரர அட்டர்—உயரியத்து கோவிந்த அட்டர்—||| கூடலிலாவி யஜுந்—காரைஊர் பாண்-
4. டன் சங்கரன்—முல்லை (1) ஊர் சேந்தன் நாகன்—நாய்த்தோட்டு ததன் துப்பன்— திருவல்லவாழ் தலைமெனெ நாகசம்மன்—இவ்வூரே மற்றத்து சங்கரன் சங்கரன்—
5. இவ்வூரே நயசித்தமங்கலத்து சேந்தன் சங்கரன்—இவ்வூரே பூந்துருத்தி குமரர் அச்சுதன்—இவ்வூரே சேரியில் மணியன் கண்டன்—பெருமஹர் கண்ட நாராய-
6. ணன்—இவ்வூரே சடையர் நாராசணன்—இவ்வூரே வலம்புரிச்சேரி சடையன் நாரா- சணன்—இவ்வூரே கண்டர் துப்பிரமணியன்—இவ்வூரே வலம்புரி சுதுயாசி அக்கி
7. இவ்வூரே சங்கரன் சடையன்—இவ்வூரே கடம்பந்தாயன்—கோடலூர் நாராசணன் சக்கிரபாணி—இவ்வூரே நக்கன் மாதவர்—இவ்வூரே அங்கிதாயன்—வெங்கூர்—கண்டன் சாட்-
8. தன்—நீர்வான்ஊர் சிரிதரங்குமான்—இவ்வூர்க்கு ஊர்உடையான் வள்ளுவநாட்டு அருபுனை மூட்டுகோட்டு கண்ணஞ்சாத்தன் ||—ஸ்ரீ கோக்கருந்தடக்ககற்கு சூயபடிஊர் கன் செய்வா-
9. ன் விழிஞத்து பூர்வம உவப்பெரும்பணைகனையின் அவியமன் றடக்கன் உறெறெபெ ||—

Translation (2)

Ll. 1—2.of seed (-growing capacity). The land given by Chōrakanjēdan *alias* Uḍāra-vīraṇ was (the plot called) Vāḍavar-aṇai in the field called Paṇṇāṅgaḍu, in the same village. This, Chōrakanjēdan, his sons and sons' sons, shall cultivate and pay the god's half. The land given by Śūlmaṇṇudaiyaṇ is (called) Kuṇṇuppaṇ-kōḍu. Its seed (-growing capacity) is a *kālam*. Also the plot in this nearest the source of the irrigation-channel.

Ll. 3—8. (The following are) the share-holders in this village :—Vātāpi Nārāyaṇaṇ Gōvindaṇ, Gōvindaṇ of Uyarīyam (*illam*) of Idaitturai, Āvi-yajñāṇ of Kūḍal, Paṇḍaṇ-Śaṅkaraṇ of Kārāiyār

(4) Metre, रचिरा.

(5) Metre, वसन्ततिलका.

(1) The ஸ in முல்லை is engraved below the line.

(2) The Sanskrit portion is left untranslated, as it is of no importance.

Sendan Nagan of Mullaiyūr, Tanduppan of Nāyttōdu, Nāgasarman of the Talaimanai (*illam*) of Tiruvallavāl, Śaṅkaran-Śaṅkaran of Maṟṟattu (*illam*) of this village itself, Sendan Śaṅkaran of Nayaśittamaṅgalan (*illam*) of this village itself, Kumaran-Achechudan of Pūndurutti (*illam*) of this village itself, Maṇiyan-Kaṇḍan of Cheriyl (*illam*) and Kaṇḍan-Narāṣaṇan of Perumalūr (*illam*) of this village itself, Śaḍaiyan-Narāṣaṇan of this village itself, Śaḍaiyan-Narāṣaṇan of Valamburichchēri (*illam*) of this village itself, Kaṇḍan Tuppiramaṇiyan (Subrahmaṇya) of this village itself, Akki Sarvva kṛituyāji of this village itself, Śaṅkaran-Śaḍaiyan of this village itself, Kaḍamban-Tāyan of this village itself, Narāṣaṇan-Śakkirapāni of Kōḍanūr, Nakkan-Māḍavan of this village itself, Aṅgi-Tāyan of this village itself, Kaṇḍan-Śāttan of this village itself, Śiridarān-Kumaran of Nirvānūr. The officer in charge of this village was Kaṇṇaṇ-Jāttan of Arupūnai-Mūṭṭukkōdu of the Valluvanādu.

Ll. 8—9. This is the writing of Aṇiyalan-Raḍakkan, the Perumbanaikan of Śrīvallabha of Viḷiṇam, the arms-manufacturer to the king Śrī Karunandaḍakkar.

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No. XIV

Some Chola Inscriptions, with a Chapter on the Evolution of the
Tamil-Grantha Alphabet

SOME CHOLA INSCRIPTIONS WITH A CHAPTER ON THE EVOLUTION OF THE TAMIL-GRANTHA ALPHABET

It was half a century ago that it was first discovered that all the various alphabets now in use in the different parts of India had all been got from that of the famous inscriptions of Asôka, the great. Though apparently differing widely from one another, the Dêvanâgari, the Telugu-Kannada and the Tamil-Grantha characters are all closely allied and can be distinctly traced to the Brâhmi variety of the Asôka alphabet. Almost all the eminent scholars that have worked in the field of Indian Paleography have almost exclusively confined themselves to the alphabets of Northern India, so that no great attention has been paid to those of the South. I therefore propose in this short paper, to trace in some detail the evolution of the Tamil-Grantha alphabet and to point out, here and there, its close resemblance to the sister-groups—the Dêvanâgari and the Telugu-Kannada.

Before proceeding to a systematic treatment of the subject of this paper, I may be permitted to state that two natural and simple laws will be seen to control the various changes in the different stages of the evolution of the modern alphabet. They are:—

- (1) Curves are substituted for straight lines and conversely,
- (2) Straight lines take the place of curves.

It is certainly difficult satisfactorily to account for these contrary tendencies which have brought such vast changes in the extremely simple proto-type and I can at best, only suggest a probable explanation. The former tendency is perhaps to be attributed to indolence in the first place; the scribe, in his anxiety to do his work quickly could not be expected to pay great attention to the angularities of the letters, and would therefore, not unnaturally, substitute curves instead.

For example in Asôka, the letter *ki* was written thus:— . Here the right angle bit at the top of the Latin cross represents the sound *i* and serves to form the sonant consonant *ki*. This became in the Cave characters, (what immediately succeeded the Asôka), almost a circle, thus, .

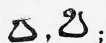
It will be noted that the opening is still to the left, whereas the letter is changed in the Chôla period to  where the horizontal stroke in the body of the letter is curved downwards and the secondary *i* takes the shape of a semicircle capping the letter. At this stage the secondary *i* is disconnected from the body of the letter. In a later period the same mark is attached to the letter but with the curve opening to the right thus, , i. e., the tendency to describe the stroke from right to left is given up in favour of the contrary tendency which necessitates the opening of the curve being to the right.

These substituted curves are then made to appear graceful and beautiful, only according to the writer's notions of grace and beauty. This will become clear in the body of this paper where the evolution of individual letters is traced. Thus it can be fairly assumed that primarily at least this tendency had its origin in the indolence of the copyist and I may be allowed to call it 'The Law of Indolence.'

The second tendency—that of replacing curves by straight lines—is the exact opposite of the first. Here the scribe has to take all the trouble of shaping angular strokes in the place of the

much easier curves. The extra effort involved in doing so can be justified only by a desire, on the part of the writer, for supposed effect. Let me illustrate it by means of an example. The letter *v* is written in the Aśoka alphabet thus, . This becomes , in the course of two or three centuries

(in the Cave characters.) This is also the form of the letter in the early Pallava-Grantha characters. In the early Chōla Inscriptions, (and in the later Pallava-Grantha) this assumes the form



and in the inscriptions belonging to the reign of Rājārāja I., and his successors, it is written . I shall, for convenience' sake, call this tendency the 'Law of Æsthetic Instinct'.

There is yet another important factor that contributed much to alter the shapes of letters considerably. Disinclined to lift his writing instrument every time a letter ends and a fresh one begins, the scribe introduces many an originally unwarranted stroke, which by force of sheer repetition acquires in the long run, the reputation of being a part of the original letter itself. Suppose now the writer wants to write , (*t* and *k*), together. In doing this in the cursive style, he

drags on the instrument from the end of the first letter to the top of the second, thus, 

Again in writing the cross curve of the second letter he once more connects the lower end of the vertical stroke with the cross curve and the result is . In course of time the letter *k* comes

to be written as it is to-day (in Tamil), . This indolence of the scribe is monumentalised in the modern alphabet which abounds with many a stroke and a curve, non-existent in the pristine characters. Such a thing is manifestly not easily possible at the present day, now that the art of printing has fixed the shapes of the letters more or less permanently and unalterably. With the help of these premises, I shall pass on to a detailed analysis of the Tamil-Grantha characters. (1)

In this group the early Tamil employs the *pulli* to differentiate between the short and long *e* and *ê*, and *o* and *ô* both primary and secondary. In the earlier inscriptions, such as of the Pallava period, the short primary vowels *e* and *o* have a *pulli* on their top, and in the secondary ones, the *pulli* is marked on the top of the consonant. This *pulli* is employed in consonance with the *rules of grammars*. (2) From about the beginning of the 11th century A.D. the *pulli* disappears; the distinction between the long and short *e* and *o* are to be made out only from the context. The modern device that introduces this difference is generally attributed to Beschi. (3)

Tamil had, as in modern times, only 18 consonants. The *pulli* corresponding to the Sanskrit *virāma* is found only in the inscriptions before the reign of Rājendrachōla I. It must evidently have been in disuse for about eight centuries thereafter till it was revived again recently. The Grantha has all the consonants of the modern Nāgari.

I shall now proceed to the subject of this paper tracing the evolution letter after letter, taking up the vowels first, and then the consonants. I need hardly mention that in a subject such as this a certain dryness and monotony is incidental and unavoidable for which I trust to be excused.

(1) This group includes, the Tamil, the Grantha, the modern Malayalam, the Vaṭṭeḷuttu and the Singalese.

(2) The function of *pulli* is to reduce the length of a sound by half a *mātra*. Hence, in the case of the short *e* and *o*, the Tamil Grammarians insist upon a *pulli* being placed over the vowels and on the consonants in the case of secondary vowels; e.g., the word *poṅ* is written , and *ṛōṇa* as , *eri* is written  while *īri* as .

(3) Burnell's S. I. Paleography, p. 4, 5, f. n. 4. But this is not the case; it is found in several inscriptions prior to Beschi.

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A. The earliest form of Asôka *a* was . A little later it was written . (These two are perhaps the different renderings of a hypothetical original ). The Tamil *a* has been derived from the latter. The earliest form of *a* we are acquainted with in Tamil is  which occurs in the Kil-Muṭṭugûr inscription of Narasiṃhavarman (*Ep. Ind.* Vol. IV plate facing page 182) and in the Tirunâthar-kunṇu inscription.  is the form in which the letter occurs in slightly later inscriptions.⁽⁴⁾ About the reign of Râjarâja I, it now and then assumed the shape . (This form occurs also in some of the inscriptions of the Later Pallava period). In the later Chôla and Pândya inscriptions the letter is changed into  which has given birth to the modern , where the horizontal line has been doubled and the hook at the top made very pronounced.

Â. The long *â* in the Asôka character was formed from the short *a* by the addition of a short horizontal stroke added to the vertical stem of the letter, thus . This stroke was, in the course of a couple of centuries converted into a curve, the line descending below thus . In the Tirunâthar-kunṇu inscription occurs the form , which is the same except that the curved left limb is connected with the vertical straight limb from the bottom and the lengthening piece is attached to the bottom of the straight vertical stroke. The letter appears in the Later Pallava and the early Chôla periods thus  and with the occasional flourishes thus:—. In the later Chôla and Pândya inscriptions it is written  which is almost the modern .

I. The letter *i* was written in Asôka as  and in the later writings (as in the Jaggay-yapêta inscription of about the 3rd century A. D.) it was represented by . It is seen in the earliest known Tamil inscription in the form of .⁽⁵⁾ This is evidently the result of the tendency to weld all the three parts of the letter together so as to admit of being easily written at one stroke. This form was practically maintained till the later Chôla and the Pândya periods when the end began to curl round the body of the letter thus . At the present day, the angle at the middle of the letter is lengthened to the left thereby allowing a loop to be formed in the process which got intersected by the ascending curve, thus:—.

(4) Here note the resemblance to the Nagari letter .

(5) This letter with a top line gives the Nagari *i*. This is identical with *î* and to differentiate it therefrom, a small change was introduced at the bottom which made it .

I. The prototype of the long *i* seems to be the peculiar modification of the short *i* of the Gupta inscriptions where it occurs as . This form seems to have been adopted by the Tamil-Grantha alphabet, to represent its long *i*. The Later Pallava and the Early Chôla inscriptions have it thus  which shape is practically retained in latter Chôla and Pāṇḍya periods. The indolence of the scribe alluded to in the introduction accounts for the additional stroke in the left, in the modern . ⁽⁶⁾

U. *U* short was represented in the Asôka alphabet by a right angle opening to the right, thus , from which the Tamil  is easily got.

Û. The long *u* is formed by the addition of a short stroke to the right of the short *u* thus, . This form of the letter occurs in the Kûram plates of Nandivarman-Pallavamalla (S. I. I. Vol. II, plate XII facing page 344; l. 66). In the Later Pallava and the earlier Chôla inscriptions the straight lengthening stroke curves down thus . This form is seen in the Tiruvallam rock inscription of the reign of Vijaya-Nandivikramavarman, (S. I. I. Vol. III, part I, plate facing page 91) and in the Ukkal inscriptions of Rajakêsarivaram (S. I. I. Vol. III, part I, plate facing p. 2).

E. The original Asôka form of *e* adapted by the Tamil alphabet was written . Afterwards, (in Cave characters), the curved part of the letter was transposed to the left thus, . This became in the inscriptions of Rajakêsarivarman and the later Chôlas  . This is the same as the modern . (The Devanagari *e*, , is only the old letter with a top line).

Ai. In the Hathigumpha inscription *ai* is represented thus , i. e., with a horizontal stroke to the left of *e*. (Such a stroke is the sign of the secondary *e* about which we shall speak later on. The vowel *e* with a symbol for the secondary *e* on it is the Nâgari *ai* thus .) The letter *ai* of the Hathigumpha with a few flexures yields the Tamil *ai* thus, . This is one of the few letters that have remained almost unaltered throughout the evolution of the Tamil alphabet.

O. The earliest known Tamil *o* is  . It was slightly changed in the early Chôla inscriptions into . This form is retained to the present day.

(6) The Telugu-Kannada *i* is formed thus:—, , , .

Au. Tamil *au* must have been formed in just the same way as the long *û*, by the addition of a straight horizontal line to the right of the letter *o*, thus, . This stroke was curved down later on thus . The modern form of the letter is , i. e., the top of the added curve becomes  and the mark is separated from the body of the letter. Persons not well acquainted with the language may mistake the letter for *ola*.

TAMIL CONSONANTS

K. I have incidently referred to the evolution of *k* of the Tamil alphabet at an earlier portion of this paper. Let me now trace it more systematically here. The Asôka *k* was a simple Latin cross . Up to the later Chôla and Pandyas a slightly modified form of it  in use. A further slight change was introduced after this period by which the letter becomes  and in the Vijayanagara inscription it assumed the modern form . At the time of these inscriptions this letter was almost identical with *t* and had to be distinguished therefrom only from the context. ⁽⁷⁾

Ch. The Asôka symbol for *ch* was . This is almost the form in which it occurs in the Tirunâthar-kunru inscription, thus . In subsequent writings, it appears with slight modifications as . The only further change introduced in the modern Tamil is, that the cross line cuts the vertical right line thus, .

N. In the Cave characters *n* was written . This letter was slightly modified in the Jaggayya-pêta inscriptions into  and in the early Pallava inscriptions into . It is easily seen that this letter became  of the earlier Chôla records. The only change in this form is, that instead of the middle vertical stroke being lengthened and curved the final vertical stroke is curved round. The various small changes it has, from time to time, been subjected to are indicated below :

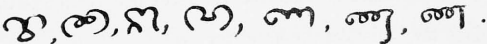


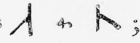
T. The Tamil *t* has practically remained the same from the earliest times to the present day. The Asôka *t* was simply  ⁽⁸⁾. This primitive form was retained till the later Chôla and

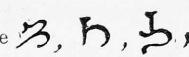
⁽⁷⁾ The simple Latin cross had undergone a series of changes before it assumed the modern Kannaḍa form of *k*, The earliest modified form was  and from thence into . It might here be noted that the early Tamil had the same symbol for *k* as the modern Nagari.

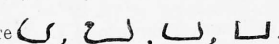
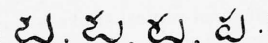
⁽⁸⁾ A top line added to this gives the modern Nagari *t*.

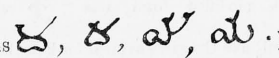
Pāṇḍya periods, in which the curve was a well-defined right angle with the lower line horizontal thus, .

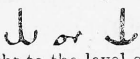
N. Tamil *n* had undergone many changes before it came to assume its present shape. The Aśoka letter was written . The different forms of the letter assumed successively in Tamil-Grantha at different times are .

T. The Aśoka *t* was written . This gave rise to the two forms ; the former was the Nāgari prototype and the latter, the Dravidian. The earliest form of Tamil *t* is in the Tirunāthar-kunṇu inscription and occurs thus . In the early Pallava records the angle is distinctly developed into a loop thus . Later on it became , which has remained practically unaltered ever since and in the modern Tamil alphabet the end is lengthened below to distinguish it from the letter *k*, as has already been incidentally observed on a former page.

N. It is very interesting to trace the evolution of Tamil *n*. The Aśoka letter was , which is almost identical with the *n* of the earliest Tamil alphabet. In the Tirunāthar-kunṇu inscription it was written . In the Pallava period the horizontal part of the letter was curved thus . We come across various types of the letter in the inscriptions of Rājārāja I, some of which are , from the last of which the modern , it is very easy to see, has been got.

P. *p* was represented in the Aśoka alphabet by . This was changed two centuries later into , which last yields at once the modern Tamil *p*. The various forms of this letter are . The Aśoka letter with the top and side line gives the modern Dēvanāgarī . The Telugu-Kannada alphabet got its present form , thus .

M. The Aśoka *m* as found in his edicts is . This was changed in the course of about two centuries into , i.e., it was turned through a right angle. From this form Tamil got its . The earliest Tamil *m* found in the Tirunāthar-kunṇu inscription was written . In the earlier Chōla inscriptions we find it written  which form has been retained to the present day. (The Telugu-Kannada letter was formed thus .)

Y. The Aśoka *y* had a very interesting series of changes in passing on to the Tamil, the Nāgari, and the Telugu-Kannaḍa alphabets. The original, Aśoka *y*, was written . Both these forms were used as such in Tamil but with the central line also brought to the level of the two ends of the letter thus . The latter form is used in the Kīl-Muttugūr stone of the reign of Narasimhavarman (*Ep. Ind.* Vol. IV. Plate facing page 182). In the early Pallava and the early Chōla periods the letter was written , , , , . Of these, the later Chōla and the Pāṇḍya retained the first form thus  which has remained unaltered to the present day. (The second with a top line and a side line gave the Nāgari . From the third, which also occurs in old Kannaḍa inscriptions as  the modern Telugu-Kannaḍa , was derived thus, , , , , . Vatteluttu modified  into  and later on to . The first modification still occurs in the Grantha, the Telugu-Kannaḍa conjunct consonants, thus: , , .

R. It is extremely easy to trace the Tamil letter *r*. The Aśoka *r* was written . This sinuous line was in course of a century changed into a straight verticle line thus . In the ruṣāṭhar-kunṇu inscription we find it written, , which form was retained for a long period thereafter. In the Vijayanagara inscriptions the letter assumes the form  which is practically the modern . (The Telugu-Kannaḍa derived its present shape thus: , , , , whereas the Nāgari got its *r* directly from the Aśoka letter).

L.  was the symbol for *l* in the Aśoka alphabet; the Tamil *l* curtailed the right limb and got its . This is another of the few letters that have remained unaltered to the present day.

V. *v* was written in the Aśoka alphabet thus, . In the cave characters and the early Pallava-Grantha alphabet it got slightly altered , which occurs in the Trichinopoly Rock-cave, and other inscriptions (on pl. II of the S.I.I.) vol. II. and in the Kūram plates of Paramēśvaraman, var S.I.I. Vol. II. pl. XI and XII). Thence it assumed the form  which occurs in the Kīl-Muttugūr stone of Narasimhavarman. In the early Chōla period we find the forms , , , . Since then it has retained its shape unaltered.

L. The letter *ḷ* is quite peculiar to the Dravidian languages. Old Kannaḍa represents this by

 in the Trichinopoly Rock-cave we come across,  which belongs to the early

Pallava period. In the inscriptions of Badāmi published by Dr. Fleet, in the *Ind. Ant.* vol. X, the forms  , occur, the former of which alone representing, at an earlier period, both the sounds *ḷ* and *ṛ*. Subsequently a differentiation would appear to have been effected, the first symbol being used for *ṛ* and the second, which is only the first with the horizontal line dropped, representing *ḷ*. In the Bāṇa inscription published in the same volume by Mr. Rice, (and this record is later than the Badāmi one), there was a further change to .

(This is the original of the Śakata-rēpha of the Telugu-Kannaḍa). Possibly to distinguish this form,  the letter underwent a further change . This letter has come down to the present day almost unaltered.

R. Again *ṛ* is also peculiar to the Dravidian languages and the earliest symbol by which it was represented——occurs in the Tirunāthar-kunṇu inscription. In the earlier Chōḷa inscription we

find , , . In the inscription of the first Rājārāja the various forms , , , are used. The later Chōḷa and the Pāṇḍya records have ,  this form is practically that of the modern alphabet.

N. *ṇ* with two rings, is also peculiar to Tamil. The Tirunāthar-kunṇu inscription is the oldest record that uses this letter under the form . In the early Pallava period the letter appears as

, . A better looking form  is used in the Rājārāja (I) inscriptions. This is almost the shape in which it has descended to us in modern Tamil.

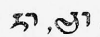
The *pulli* corresponding to the *virāma* in Sanskrit is represented by a short straight stroke over the head of a surd consonant thus , . This sign occurs in a more ornamental

form thus , , . The *pulli* is known only to older inscriptions. After a long period of disuse, it has again made its appearance in the modern alphabet.

SONANT CONSONANTS OR THE SECONDARY VOWEL FORMATION

Having traced the evolution of the vowels and the consonants of the Tamil alphabet, let me proceed to explain the general principles by which the secondary vowels were formed. Here I shall just indicate the principles underlying the changes, leaving the reader to refer to the tables for exhaustive examples.

A. The sonant consonant corresponding to the long *â* sound was formed in the days of the Aśoka alphabet by the addition of a short horizontal line to the right of the letter thus, , .

Wherever this addition was not possible owing to the inadaptability of the letter as in , a dot was used to mark its beginning thus . Perhaps to avoid this inconvenience, the cave characters curved down the stroke thus . This altered form of the symbol was freely used in all older Tamil documents. I think the Tirunāthar-kunru inscription used the older form. (Nowhere in this inscription do the sonant consonants corresponding to the long *ā* occur; but it has , *no*, and I make the statement analogically). The altered form of the symbol was added thus:—    (Kil-Muttugūr stones) ⁽¹⁾. Later on it assumed the more defined form  , in the inscriptions of Rājārāja I, thus  . The later Chōla and the Pāṇḍya have , which is the direct precursor of the modern .

I. The secondary *i* was formed in the Aśoka alphabet by adding to the top of the consonant a right angle opening to the left thus  . The law of indolence was responsible for its having

been converted into almost a circle with the opening still to the left thus . This was the form used in the cave characters. Exactly similar is the addition in the Tirunāthar-kunru inscription which uses the letters   . The earlier Pallava has also this mode of forming the secondary

. In the inscriptions of Rājārāja the curve was separated from the body of the letters and the letters look as if they wore caps  . In the later Chōla and the Pāṇḍya days the tendency was to shove the symbol to the right thus  . This is almost how the letters are written at the present day,  .

I. I have already said that this symbol generally served the purpose both of the short and the long *i*, the one having had to be distinguished from the other only from the context. But occasionally the long *i* was formed by the addition of a loop to the short *i*. The loop was to the left in the older inscriptions, whereas it was in later times, as at the present day, tacked on to the right —  .

U. A straight vertical stroke added at the bottom was the symbol of *u* in the Aśoka alphabet, thus  . Such an addition was impossible in letters which themselves ended in a vertical

⁽¹⁾ Ep. Ind., Vol. IV., plate facing page 182.

straight line as . In these instances the additional stroke was horizontal and added to the right of the bottom thus . The same rules were observed in the case of Tamil letters also ;

e. g. :—, , . The letters , , , illustrate the other branch of the rule, the last of which, *nu*, retains the simplest form, while the first two have curved the straight horizontal stroke either up or down. (The second of the above three forms has been adopted by the modern Nāgari which forms its letters thus :— , .)

U. The long *ū* was formed in the Aśōka characters by the addition of an extra vertical stroke.

 Tamil modified the formation in an ingenious way. One stroke would appear to have been added vertically downwards and the other drawn perpendicularly that is, horizontally to the first thus 

This last was always curved down and to the left thus . Or the long sound is represented by the lengthening symbol of a long *ā* (which is also a corrupt form of the straight horizontal stroke added to the right at the top), thus .

E. The secondary *e* was formed in the Aśōka alphabet by the addition of a short horizontal line, at the top to the left: thus . This is exactly the form used in the Tirunāthar-kunṇu inscription thus  (analogically derived again from *no*); This, slightly curved, gives

the symbol of the secondary *e* of the early Pallava and the Chōla periods thus . Later on, at about the period of the inscriptions belonging to the reign of Rajaraja I this sign was detached from the letter and placed immediately to the left of the top of the letter thus .

O. The symbol for the secondary *ā* properly added to this symbol for the secondary *e* gave the secondary *o*. Thus in Aśōka . The same law holds good in the case of all the other Indian alphabets. The Tirunāthar-kunṇu inscription has  to represent *no*. The secondary *e* and *ā* symbol are here in one line. In the earlier Pallava and the Chōla inscriptions we not unfrequently meet with similar instances,—. In later times these two symbols were separated

from the body of the consonants thus, . (Compare , .)

ai. To represent the secondary *ai* the Aśōka alphabet added two horizontal strokes to the left of the top of the letters thus  The Tamil Grantha alphabet copied the arrangement as usual,

, . (Compare , ). After the lapse of about a century, the two separate strokes began to be welded into one by being placed side by side thus .

The older, unaltered form, was retained only by Sanskrit. Tamil had recourse to a special method of formation of the secondary *ai* of certain consonants—, , — obviously to avoid

the multiplicity of rings if the ordinary mode was adopted in their case also. The symbol  was prefixed thus , , . There is perhaps another reason for the difference. If the general method had been adopted the suppositions sonant  was apt to be mistaken for . Similarly  might be mistaken for *ne* or *lai*, or *nai*: and  would represent both  (*nu*) and (*lai*) .

CONJUNCT OR COMPOUND CONSONANTS

Tamil, like the other Dravidian alphabets, does not use conjunct consonants extensively, mainly because there are no sounds in the language itself requiring the use of such consonants. Tamil borrowed very few words directly from Sanskrit and the words it got through Prākṛit do not require the use of many conjunct consonants. A few instances of Tamil conjunct consonants we frequently are met with in inscriptions; e.g. :—    etc. Of course Sanskrit words, as a rule, are written in the Grantha alphabet, and many conjunct consonants are employed in writing them.

TAMIL NUMERALS

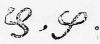
Tamil Numerals, like Tamil characters, have been directly got from the Aśōka numerals and Cave numerals; they are all given in the Table and I shall trace here the evolution of only a few.

The Cave numeral *two* was written , in the Pallava plates of Śivaskandavarman, it appears as  ; and the early Chōla inscriptions  which last form is used at the present day. This is but the scribe's mode of writing in one stroke the two lines welded into one.

Similarly 3 was represented in the Cave numerals of three horizontal strokes, , and in the copper-plates above-mentioned, it is modified thus , which is a simpler form of the later , . These last forms are further changed to , the later Pāṇḍya and the modern form.

The Cave numeral 4 was written   . The Śivaskandavarman plates have it as  . The early Chōla inscriptions have the forms  . The later Chōla and the Pāṇḍya  and the modern  have been directly derived therefrom.

The Cave 5 was written  . In the early Pallava period it became  and in the early Chōla . In the later Chōla and the Pāṇḍya days, it assumed the form  which is the modern symbol for 5.

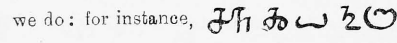
The number 6 was written in the days of Asôka thus . The cave numeral represents it thus . The Pallava plates modify them into  + . The early Chôla inscriptions have , , , , wherefrom the modern  is got.

The numerical symbol has been evolved asunder; Cave , . Pallava  and ; Chôla .

The number 8 in the Cave numerals was written  which became in the early Pallava times , ; and in the early Tamil . This last became , in the later Pândya and  in the modern times.

The cave 9 was ,  and the early Chôlas represented it by , . At the time of the later Chôlas it became , , the direct precursor of the modern .

The same symbol , represented both the numeral 10 and the consonant *y* in the Cave characters. Old Tamil modified it into , which has continued to represent the numeral ever since.

Unlike the cave and other numerals, Tamil has never used separate signs for 50, 60, 70, etc. But its 100 is represented by  and 1000. . It has not adopted the decimal notation and formed its numeral as we do: for instance,  represents 4 (100) + 9 (10) + 4 + $\frac{1}{2}$. (2)

Tamil uses a great many abbreviations of common measures of land, gold, &c., thus  when added to a number represents what are known as *mañjaḍi's* (of gold). A complete list of these abbreviations is given in the appendix, on plate.

THE GRANTHA ALPHABET

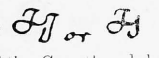
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The general tendency of the Grantha alphabet, (also in some instances in the Telugu-Kannaḍa), is to double all vertical lines; thus the Cave *a*, , is written in the early Pallava Grantha alphabet as ; *i* ~ , *ī* ~ ; (similarly in Tel.-Kan.,  is the modification of  and

(2) It must be pointed that Tamil did not (to its great disadvantage) borrow zero, 0, and the Sanskrit notation—place value of figures—which gave such a great impetus to arithmetic in Europe when introduced in Venice. Hence the unmanageable number 4 (1000) + 3 (100) + 5 (10) + 6 to represent the simple 4356.

† that of †. Again, the tendency to draw graceful curves is very great in the early Grantha characters. Thus  .  &c. This is freely indulged in the early Pallava Grantha characters as used in the Mahābalipuram, Trichinopoly cave &c. inscriptions.

A. The form of early Pallava *a* is . (For the various modifications of this see plates.) A little later it was slightly modified into . In the early Chōla period it again changed into

, the modern form of which is . Here it may be seen how different were the courses followed by the Tamil and the Grantha alphabets in deriving their *a* from the same common source. (The Tel.-Kan. formed its , by the following series of changes  ,  ,  &c.; to distinguish the short from the long *ā*, a little change was introduced thus:— , .)

A. The long *ā* was formed exactly as in Tamil, . The modern form is, as is well-known, . ⁽¹⁾

I. The earliest form of *i* was, as we have already seen, the Asōka . This becomes  in later periods (about 500 A. D.) from which the Pallava Grantha alphabet got its  , . The tendency to connect all the parts together was responsible for the Chōla form . (Compare the Tel.-Kan. ).

I. The evolution of the long *ī* is the same as in Tamil; with this difference that the central line was doubled thus,  and the modern letter is , the left leg owing its existence to the scribe's indolent scrawling from the end of the preceding letter to the beginning of this letter, *U* and *Ū*. The short and the long *u* are the same as in the Tamil alphabet.

Ri. The earliest form of *ri* is found in the Trichinopoly cave,— , which in later times was altered to , the modern form.

E. The earliest Grantha *e* found also in the Trichinopoly cave inscription is  , , modifications of the Asōka  , . The next form , is used in the Kailāsanātha temple inscription of Rajasimha, (last line of the second side of the plate in S. I. I., Vol. II., part III.) How it came to be written in the Chōla inscriptions as  is not quite clear. The modern Grantha

(1) The Malayālam  is derived thus:—  .  . .

adds a secondary *e* symbol to the short *e* to represent *ai*, thus, . Here it adopts the rule applicable to the secondary vowel formation.

The letters *o* and *au* are represented by Tamil letters.

CONSONANTS

K. The letter *k* was written exactly like the Tamil letter but with the difference that the vertical line is doubled thus, . This form was in use till quite recently it began to be written thus , .

Kh. The Asôka *kh* is , which was written , in the Gupta period. The old Pallava Grantha uses the same form , (Trichinopoly cave). In the Chôla period it began to be written as it is to-day thus , , modern).

G.  represented in the Asôka alphabet the letter *g*, and the Cave characters round it a little more pronouncedly, — . In the earlier Pallava days it was written also in the same form or , . In the copper-plates it is found as , . In the early Chôla inscriptions it is written thus  which in the later Pâṇḍya records became  the modern form.

Gh. The Asôka *gh* is , the only change introduced by the Cave characters in it being the shortening of the first limb also . The letter was written in the early Pallava inscriptions thus , , , which became in the early Chôla records , and in the modern days .

N. The form of the nasal *n* has to be inferred to be , from the compounds *nga*, *nika* which are found to be written thus , . At about the same time a slightly modified form also occurs as . The change to the modern form  is exactly similar to that of the modern  from its oldest forms.

Ch. *Ch* is represented in the Asôka alphabet thus , which was modified by the Grantha into  (cf. Tel.-Kan., , , ). The early Chôla alphabet further changed it into , , from which the modern  is got.

Chh. The Asôka *chh* is , which became  in the cursive style of the later period. This perhaps changed again into  from which the modern  is obtained: or perhaps a slight addition was made to the letter *ch* to obtain *chh*, but the former course appears more probable.

J. The Asôka *j* is  or . In the old Pallava Grantha inscriptions this was very gracefully written thus . We meet with a curious form, inexplicable, of the same letter belonging to this same period, thus:—. There is a big change from this to  of the early Chôla records. The form in the parenthesis perhaps represents the transition stage connecting the early Pallava and the early Chôla letters; but it is easier to connect the modern form with the first of the two earlier types. (Cf.  +   + )

Jh. The symbol for *jh* in the Asôka alphabet is  and the modern letter is . This is perhaps the modification of some such symbol as  or ; The modern form is easily derivable from this old form (hypothetical).

N. The Asôka *n* is . The Grantha alphabet converted it into , which is almost akin to the Tamil .

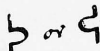
T. The forms of the Pallava and the Asôka *t* are the same , which has remained almost unaltered to the present day, thus, ,  (The Chôla Grantha alphabet of the time of Kulôt-tuṅga I., uses the form  which is only an elaborate way of writing the simpler .

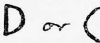
Th. The symbol for *th* is exactly that used by the Asôka alphabet  a plain circle.

D. The Asôka *d* is  which became  in the early Pallava Grantha alphabet. In the later Chôla-Pāṇḍya period it was written  from which the modern  is derived.

N and N. The letters *n* and *ṇ* are the same as in Tamil.

Th. This letter written in the Asôka alphabet  which appears in the early Pallava inscriptions thus , . In the Chôla inscriptions it became  which is almost the modern form of the letter (cf. Tel. & Kan. .

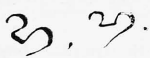
D. Asôka *d* was represented either by . The former was more frequently used and appears more often in inscriptions. (But almost all the Indian alphabets got their letter from the latter. Thus, Nâgari has , Old Telugu-Kaanaḍa , the modern form being , old Pallava , , ) The form of the early Chôla inscription , is more akin to the Asôka letter.

Dh. The Asôka *dh* was  while in the Trichinopoly cave it appears as , the letter got changed in the early Chôla inscriptions into  which is almost the modern letter.

P. This letter is the same as the Tamil *p*.

Ph. It is clearly seen that the Grantha letter for *ph*  has been derived from Asôka .

B. The Asôka letter for *b* was ; At the early Pallava Grantha period it was written with sinuosities and flourishes thus , , which came to be written in the early Chôla period in the cursive form . In the later Chôla and the Pāṇḍya periods the letter became , which is also the modern form.

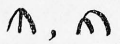
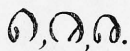
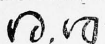
Bh. This was represented in the Asôka thus . In the cave characters naturally it began to be written , . The early Pallava alphabet represented it by , which became in the Chôla period  (the change can be easily understood if it is assured that the form of the letter was traced from the top and at one stroke ). The later Chôla and the Pāṇḍya form was .

M. The early Grantha *m* was the same as the Asôka . It had undergone little change when it was written , in the Chôla inscriptions and the modern , differs very little therefrom.

Y. This Grantha letter is the same as the corresponding Tamil letter and the Grantha *r* is the same as the Tamil letter, with this difference that the central line is doubled, .

L. The earliest Grantha was , which was only an elaborate form of the simple Asôka . In the copper-plates the curling was more pronounced and complete thus , , which last form has remained unaltered ever since.

V. Grantha and Tamil have the same letter for *v*.

S. This in the Asôka alphabet was represented thus , which was written at the early Pallava period . (Trichinopoly cave). We also come across the form  in the inscriptions of about the same period. In the copper-plates of Kûram and Kâśâkuḍi it appears as  which remained in use till the introduction of printing quite recently; then it was made square thus .

Sh. Asôka *sh* was written  or . (This is better seen in the conjunct consonant *ksh* ). In the Tel.-Kan. alphabet *sh* was , , and the early Pallava form was .

The cursive style is responsible for the following changes: , , , , . The changes in *ksh* was similar to those of *sh* and its form in the Chôla period was , which is almost the modern Grantha letter.

S. The Asôka alphabet wrote its *s*, which is almost the form of the Trichinopoly cave letter . In cursive form it naturally successively became , , , .

H. The Asôka *h* was  which was later on written in the same alphabet . The early Pallava form was  which written in the beautiful ornamental style of the Mahâbalipuram inscription appears, , . The form employed in the copper-plates is , which changed in the later Pândya inscriptions , and to the modern .

Jñ. This is well known to be a compound of *j* and *ñ*, and is written in the early Pallava alphabet , from which the modern  has been formed.

L. The earliest Grantha *l* we meet with occurs in the Trichinopoly Rock-cave inscription where, it appears as , the stroke at its bottom alone distinguishing it from *h*; a modified form of this letter occurs in an inscription of almost the same period, , which has evidently given rise to the copper-plate . It became  in the inscriptions of Kulôttuṅga. I, which appears in the Sundara-Pândya inscription of Sriraṅgam as . From this last, the modern form has been derived.

SONANT CONSONANTS OR SECONDARY VOWELS

The secondary vowels are all formed precisely as in Tamil; but all vertical lines are doubled e.g.,  (hypothetical) is written . There is however an exception; the lengthening piece of the secondary *ā* is not doubled, perhaps to distinguish it from *r*.

COMPOUNDS OR CONJUNCT CONSONANTS

These are formed by placing one consonant below another in the order in which they are pronounced, as in the other alphabets : thus  (*ndya*),  (*cheh*) &c.

Later Pandya Period (13th Century A. D.)

| | k | n | ch | ñ | l | n | l | n | p | m | y | r | l | o | l | l | y | n | | |
|----|---|---|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| a | அ | ஈ | ஊ | ஐ | ஓ | ஔ | ஐ | ஓ | ப | ம | ய | ர | ல | வ | ல | ல | ய | ந | | |
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| e | ஏ | ஈ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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அ, ஈ - k, n; இ, ஐ, ஓ, ஔ - ch; ஐ, ஓ - ñ; ஐ, ஓ - l; ஐ, ஓ - n; ஐ, ஓ - p; ஐ, ஓ - m; ஐ, ஓ - y; ஐ, ஓ - r; ஐ, ஓ - l; ஐ, ஓ - o; ஐ, ஓ - l; ஐ, ஓ - l; ஐ, ஓ - y; ஐ, ஓ - n.

Early Pallava Grantha Alphabet (8th Century A. D.)

| | | k | kh | g | gh | ṅ | ch | chh | j | jh | ñ | ṭ | ṭh | ḍ | ḍh | n | ṇ | ṭ | ṭh | ḍ | ḍh | n | p | ph |
|----|---|---|----|---|----|---|----|-----|---|----|---|---|----|---|----|---|---|---|----|---|----|---|---|----|
| a | 𑌕 | 𑌖 | 𑌗 | 𑌘 | 𑌙 | 𑌚 | 𑌛 | 𑌜 | 𑌝 | 𑌞 | 𑌟 | 𑌠 | 𑌡 | 𑌢 | 𑌣 | 𑌤 | 𑌥 | 𑌦 | 𑌧 | 𑌨 | 𑌩 | 𑌪 | 𑌫 | 𑌬 |
| ā | 𑌭 | 𑌮 | 𑌯 | 𑌰 | 𑌱 | 𑌲 | 𑌳 | 𑌴 | 𑌵 | 𑌶 | 𑌷 | 𑌸 | 𑌹 | 𑌺 | 𑌻 | 𑌼 | 𑌽 | 𑌾 | 𑌿 | 𑍀 | 𑍁 | 𑍂 | 𑍃 | 𑍄 |
| i | 𑍅 | 𑍆 | 𑍇 | 𑍈 | 𑍉 | 𑍊 | 𑍋 | 𑍌 | 𑍍 | 𑍎 | 𑍏 | 𑍐 | 𑍑 | 𑍒 | 𑍓 | 𑍔 | 𑍕 | 𑍖 | 𑍗 | 𑍘 | 𑍙 | 𑍚 | 𑍛 | 𑍜 |
| ī | 𑍝 | 𑍞 | 𑍟 | 𑍠 | 𑍡 | 𑍢 | 𑍣 | 𑍤 | 𑍥 | 𑍦 | 𑍧 | 𑍨 | 𑍩 | 𑍪 | 𑍫 | 𑍬 | 𑍭 | 𑍮 | 𑍯 | 𑍰 | 𑍱 | 𑍲 | 𑍳 | 𑍴 |
| u | 𑍵 | 𑍶 | 𑍷 | 𑍸 | 𑍹 | 𑍺 | 𑍻 | 𑍼 | 𑍽 | 𑍾 | 𑍿 | 𑎀 | 𑎁 | 𑎂 | 𑎃 | 𑎄 | 𑎅 | 𑎆 | 𑎇 | 𑎈 | 𑎉 | 𑎊 | 𑎋 | 𑎌 |
| ū | 𑎍 | 𑎎 | 𑎏 | 𑎐 | 𑎑 | 𑎒 | 𑎓 | 𑎔 | 𑎕 | 𑎖 | 𑎗 | 𑎘 | 𑎙 | 𑎚 | 𑎛 | 𑎜 | 𑎝 | 𑎞 | 𑎟 | 𑎠 | 𑎡 | 𑎢 | 𑎣 | 𑎤 |
| e | 𑎥 | 𑎦 | 𑎧 | 𑎨 | 𑎩 | 𑎪 | 𑎫 | 𑎬 | 𑎭 | 𑎮 | 𑎯 | 𑎰 | 𑎱 | 𑎲 | 𑎳 | 𑎴 | 𑎵 | 𑎶 | 𑎷 | 𑎸 | 𑎹 | 𑎺 | 𑎻 | 𑎼 |
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𑌕 - aa; 𑌖 - ka; 𑌗 - kh; 𑌘 - ga; 𑌙 - gh; 𑌚 - ṅa; 𑌛 - cha; 𑌜 - chh; 𑌝 - ja; 𑌞 - jh; 𑌟 - ña; 𑌠 - ṭa; 𑌡 - ṭh; 𑌢 - ḍa; 𑌣 - ḍh; 𑌤 - na; 𑌥 - ṇa; 𑌦 - ṭa; 𑌧 - ṭh; 𑌨 - ḍa; 𑌩 - ḍh; 𑌪 - na; 𑌫 - pa; 𑌬 - pha; 𑌭 - ā; 𑌮 - kha; 𑌯 - ga; 𑌰 - gha; 𑌱 - ṅa; 𑌲 - cha; 𑌳 - chha; 𑌴 - ja; 𑌵 - jha; 𑌶 - ña; 𑌷 - ṭa; 𑌸 - ṭha; 𑌹 - ḍa; 𑌺 - ḍha; 𑌻 - na; 𑌼 - ṇa; 𑌽 - ṭa; 𑌾 - ṭha; 𑌿 - ḍa; 𑍀 - ḍha; 𑍁 - na; 𑍂 - pa; 𑍃 - pha; 𑍄 - ā; 𑍅 - ka; 𑍆 - kha; 𑍇 - ga; 𑍈 - gha; 𑍉 - ṅa; 𑍊 - cha; 𑍋 - chha; 𑍌 - ja; 𑍍 - jha; 𑍎 - ña; 𑍏 - ṭa; 𑍐 - ṭha; 𑍑 - ḍa; 𑍒 - ḍha; 𑍓 - na; 𑍔 - ṇa; 𑍕 - ṭa; 𑍖 - ṭha; 𑍗 - ḍa; 𑍘 - ḍha; 𑍙 - na; 𑍚 - ṇa; 𑍛 - ṭa; 𑍜 - ṭha; 𑍝 - ḍa; 𑍞 - ḍha; 𑍟 - na; 𑍠 - ṇa; 𑍡 - ṭa; 𑍢 - ṭha; 𑍣 - ḍa; 𑍤 - ḍha; 𑍥 - na; 𑍦 - ṇa; 𑍧 - ṭa; 𑍨 - ṭha; 𑍩 - ḍa; 𑍪 - ḍha; 𑍫 - na; 𑍬 - ṇa; 𑍭 - ṭa; 𑍮 - ṭha; 𑍯 - ḍa; 𑍰 - ḍha; 𑍱 - na; 𑍲 - ṇa; 𑍳 - ṭa; 𑍴 - ṭha; 𑍵 - ḍa; 𑍶 - ḍha; 𑍷 - na; 𑍸 - ṇa; 𑍹 - ṭa; 𑍺 - ṭha; 𑍻 - ḍa; 𑍼 - ḍha; 𑍽 - na; 𑍾 - ṇa; 𑍿 - ṭa; 𑎀 - ṭha; 𑎁 - ḍa; 𑎂 - ḍha; 𑎃 - na; 𑎄 - ṇa; 𑎅 - ṭa; 𑎆 - ṭha; 𑎇 - ḍa; 𑎈 - ḍha; 𑎉 - na; 𑎊 - ṇa; 𑎋 - ṭa; 𑎌 - ṭha; 𑎍 - ḍa; 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𑓶 - ḍha; 𑓷 - na; 𑓸 - ṇa; 𑓹 - ṭa; 𑓺 - ṭha; 𑓻 - ḍa; 𑓼 - ḍha; 𑓽 - na; 𑓾 - ṇa; 𑓿 - ṭa; 𑔀 - ṭha; 𑔁 - ḍa; 𑔂 - ḍha; 𑔃 - na; 𑔄 - ṇa; 𑔅 - ṭa; 𑔆 - ṭha; 𑔇 - ḍa; 𑔈 - ḍha; 𑔉 - na; 𑔊 - ṇa; 𑔋 - ṭa; 𑔌 - ṭha; 𑔍 - ḍa; 𑔎 - ḍha; 𑔏 - na; 𑔐 - ṇa; 𑔑 - ṭa; 𑔒 - ṭha; 𑔓 - ḍa; 𑔔 - ḍha; 𑔕 - na; 𑔖 - ṇa; 𑔗 - ṭa; 𑔘 - ṭha; 𑔙 - ḍa; 𑔚 - ḍha; 𑔛 - na; 𑔜 - ṇa; 𑔝 - ṭa; 𑔞 - ṭha; 𑔟 - ḍa; 𑔠 - ḍha; 𑔡 - na; 𑔢 - ṇa; 𑔣 - ṭa; 𑔤 - ṭha; 𑔥 - ḍa; 𑔦 - ḍha; 𑔧 - na; 𑔨 - ṇa; 𑔩 - ṭa; 𑔪 - ṭha; 𑔫 - ḍa; 𑔬 - ḍha; 𑔭 - na; 𑔮 - ṇa; 𑔯 - ṭa; 𑔰 - ṭha; 𑔱 - ḍa; 𑔲 - ḍha; 𑔳 - na; 𑔴 - ṇa; 𑔵 - ṭa; 𑔶 - ṭha; 𑔷 - ḍa; 𑔸 - ḍha; 𑔹 - na; 𑔺 - ṇa; 𑔻 - ṭa; 𑔼 - ṭha; 𑔽 - ḍa; 𑔾 - ḍha; 𑔿 - na; 𑕀 - ṇa; 𑕁 - ṭa; 𑕂 - ṭha; 𑕃 - ḍa; 𑕄 - ḍha; 𑕅 - na; 𑕆 - ṇa; 𑕇 - ṭa; 𑕈 - ṭha; 𑕉 - ḍa; 𑕊 - ḍha; 𑕋 - na; 𑕌 - ṇa; 𑕍 - ṭa; 𑕎 - ṭha; 𑕏 - ḍa; 𑕐 - ḍha; 𑕑 - na; 𑕒 - ṇa; 𑕓 - ṭa; 𑕔 - ṭha; 𑕕 - ḍa; 𑕖 - ḍha; 𑕗 - na; 𑕘 - ṇa; 𑕙 - ṭa; 𑕚 - ṭha; 𑕛 - ḍa; 𑕜 - ḍha; 𑕝 - na; 𑕞 - ṇa; 𑕟 - ṭa; 𑕠 - ṭha; 𑕡 - ḍa; 𑕢 - ḍha; 𑕣 - na; 𑕤 - ṇa; 𑕥 - ṭa; 𑕦 - ṭha; 𑕧 - ḍa; 𑕨 - ḍha; 𑕩 - na; 𑕪 - ṇa; 𑕫 - ṭa; 𑕬 - ṭha; 𑕭 - ḍa; 𑕮 - ḍha; 𑕯 - na; 𑕰 - ṇa; 𑕱 - ṭa; 𑕲 - ṭha; 𑕳 - ḍa; 𑕴 - ḍha; 𑕵 - na; 𑕶 - ṇa; 𑕷 - ṭa; 𑕸 - ṭha; 𑕹 - ḍa; 𑕺 - ḍha; 𑕻 - na; 𑕼 - ṇa; 𑕽 - ṭa; 𑕾 - ṭha; 𑕿 - ḍa; 𑖀 - ḍha; 𑖁 - na; 𑖂 - ṇa; 𑖃 - ṭa; 𑖄 - ṭha; 𑖅 - ḍa; 𑖆 - ḍha; 𑖇 - na; 𑖈 - ṇa; 𑖉 - ṭa; 𑖊 - ṭha; 𑖋 - ḍa; 𑖌 - ḍha; 𑖍 - na; 𑖎 - ṇa; 𑖏 - ṭa; 𑖐 - ṭha; 𑖑 - ḍa; 𑖒 - ḍha; 𑖓 - na; 𑖔 - ṇa; 𑖕 - ṭa; 𑖖 - ṭha; 𑖗 - ḍa; 𑖘 - ḍha; 𑖙 - na; 𑖚 - ṇa; 𑖛 - ṭa; 𑖜 - ṭha; 𑖝 - ḍa; 𑖞 - ḍha; 𑖟 - na; 𑖠 - ṇa; 𑖡 - ṭa; 𑖢 - ṭha; 𑖣 - ḍa; 𑖤 - ḍha; 𑖥 - na; 𑖦 - ṇa; 𑖧 - ṭa; 𑖨 - ṭha; 𑖩 - ḍa; 𑖪 - ḍha; 𑖫 - na; 𑖬 - ṇa; 𑖭 - ṭa; 𑖮 - ṭha; 𑖯 - ḍa; 𑖰 - ḍha; 𑖱 - na; 𑖲 - ṇa; 𑖳 - ṭa; 𑖴 - ṭha; 𑖵 - ḍa; 𑖶 - ḍha; 𑖷 - na; 𑖸 - ṇa; 𑖹 - ṭa; 𑖺 - ṭha; 𑖻 - ḍa; 𑖼 - ḍha; 𑖽 - na; 𑖾 - ṇa; 𑖿 - ṭa; 𑗀 - ṭha; 𑗁 - ḍa; 𑗂 - ḍha; 𑗃 - na; 𑗄 - ṇa; 𑗅 - ṭa; 𑗆 - ṭha; 𑗇 - ḍa; 𑗈 - ḍha; 𑗉 - na; 𑗊 - ṇa; 𑗋 - ṭa; 𑗌 - ṭha; 𑗍 - ḍa; 𑗎 - ḍha; 𑗏 - na; 𑗐 - ṇa; 𑗑 - ṭa; 𑗒 - ṭha; 𑗓 - ḍa; 𑗔 - ḍha; 𑗕 - na; 𑗖 - ṇa; 𑗗 - ṭa; 𑗘 - ṭha; 𑗙 - ḍa; 𑗚 - ḍha; 𑗛 - na; 𑗜 - ṇa; 𑗝 - ṭa; 𑗞 - ṭha; 𑗟 - ḍa; 𑗠 - ḍha; 𑗡 - na; 𑗢 - ṇa; 𑗣 - ṭa; 𑗤 - ṭha; 𑗥 - ḍa; 𑗦 - ḍha; 𑗧 - na; 𑗨 - ṇa; 𑗩 - ṭa; 𑗪 - ṭha; 𑗫 - ḍa; 𑗬 - ḍha; 𑗭 - na; 𑗮 - ṇa; 𑗯 - ṭa; 𑗰 - ṭha; 𑗱 - ḍa; 𑗲 - ḍha; 𑗳 - na; 𑗴 - ṇa; 𑗵 - ṭa; 𑗶 - ṭha; 𑗷 - ḍa; 𑗸 - ḍha; 𑗹 - na; 𑗺 - ṇa; 𑗻 - ṭa; 𑗼 - ṭha; 𑗽 - ḍa; 𑗾 - ḍha; 𑗿 - na; 𑘀 - ṇa; 𑘁 - ṭa; 𑘂 - ṭha; 𑘃 - ḍa; 𑘄 - ḍha; 𑘅 - na; 𑘆 - ṇa; 𑘇 - ṭa; 𑘈 - ṭha; 𑘉 - ḍa; 𑘊 - ḍha; 𑘋 - na; 𑘌 - ṇa; 𑘍 - ṭa; 𑘎 - ṭha; 𑘏 - ḍa; 𑘐 - ḍha; 𑘑 - na; 𑘒 - ṇa; 𑘓 - ṭa; 𑘔 - ṭha; 𑘕 - ḍa; 𑘖 - ḍha; 𑘗 - na; 𑘘 - ṇa; 𑘙 - ṭa; 𑘚 - ṭha; 𑘛 - ḍa; 𑘜 - ḍha; 𑘝 - na; 𑘞 - ṇa; 𑘟 - ṭa; 𑘠 - ṭha; 𑘡 - ḍa; 𑘢 - ḍha; 𑘣 - na; 𑘤 - ṇa; 𑘥 - ṭa; 𑘦 - ṭha; 𑘧 - ḍa; 𑘨 - ḍha; 𑘩 - na; 𑘪 - ṇa; 𑘫 - ṭa; 𑘬 - ṭha; 𑘭 - ḍa; 𑘮 - ḍha; 𑘯 - na; 𑘰 - ṇa; 𑘱 - ṭa; 𑘲 - ṭha; 𑘳 - ḍa; 𑘴 - ḍha; 𑘵 - na; 𑘶 - ṇa; 𑘷 - ṭa; 𑘸 - ṭha; 𑘹 - ḍa; 𑘺 - ḍha; 𑘻 - na; 𑘼 - ṇa; 𑘽 - ṭa; 𑘾 - ṭha; 𑘿 - ḍa; 𑙀 - ḍha; 𑙁 - na; 𑙂 - ṇa; 𑙃 - ṭa; 𑙄 - ṭha; 𑙅 - ḍa; 𑙆 - ḍha; 𑙇 - na; 𑙈 - ṇa; 𑙉 - ṭa; 𑙊 - ṭha; 𑙋 - ḍa; 𑙌 - ḍha; 𑙍 - na; 𑙎 - ṇa; 𑙏 - ṭa; 𑙐 - ṭha; 𑙑 - ḍa; 𑙒 - ḍha; 𑙓 - na; 𑙔 - ṇa; 𑙕 - ṭa; 𑙖 - ṭha; 𑙗 - ḍa; 𑙘 - ḍha; 𑙙 - na; 𑙚 - ṇa; 𑙛 - ṭa; 𑙜 - ṭha; 𑙝 - ḍa; 𑙞 - ḍha; 𑙟 - na; 𑙠 - ṇa; 𑙡 - ṭa; 𑙢 - ṭha; 𑙣 - ḍa; 𑙤 - ḍha; 𑙥 - na; 𑙦 - ṇa; 𑙧 - ṭa; 𑙨 - ṭha; 𑙩 - ḍa; 𑙪 - ḍha; 𑙫 - na; 𑙬 - ṇa; 𑙭 - ṭa; 𑙮 - ṭha; 𑙯 - ḍa; 𑙰 - ḍha; 𑙱 - na; 𑙲 - ṇa; 𑙳 - ṭa; 𑙴 - ṭha; 𑙵 - ḍa; 𑙶 - ḍha; 𑙷 - na; 𑙸 - ṇa; 𑙹 - ṭa; 𑙺 - ṭha; 𑙻 - ḍa; 𑙼 - ḍha; 𑙽 - na; 𑙾 - ṇa; 𑙿 - ṭa; 𑚀 - ṭha; 𑚁 - ḍa; 𑚂 - ḍha; 𑚃 - na; 𑚄 - ṇa; 𑚅 - ṭa; 𑚆 - ṭha; 𑚇 - ḍa; 𑚈 - ḍha; 𑚉 - na; 𑚊 - ṇa; 𑚋 - ṭa; 𑚌 - ṭha; 𑚍 - ḍa; 𑚎 - ḍha; 𑚏 - na; 𑚐 - ṇa; 𑚑 - ṭa; 𑚒 - ṭha; 𑚓 - ḍa; 𑚔 - ḍha; 𑚕 - na; 𑚖 - ṇa; 𑚗 - ṭa; 𑚘 - ṭha; 𑚙 - ḍa; 𑚚 - ḍha; 𑚛 - na; 𑚜 - ṇa; 𑚝 - ṭa; 𑚞 - ṭha; 𑚟 - ḍa; 𑚠 - ḍha; 𑚡 - na; 𑚢 - ṇa; 𑚣 - ṭa; 𑚤 - ṭha; 𑚥 - ḍa; 𑚦 - ḍha; 𑚧 - na; 𑚨 - ṇa; 𑚩 - ṭa; 𑚪 - ṭha; 𑚫 - ḍa; 𑚬 - ḍha; 𑚭 - na; 𑚮 - ṇa; 𑚯 - ṭa; 𑚰 - ṭha; 𑚱 - ḍa; 𑚲 - ḍha; 𑚳 - na; 𑚴 - ṇa; 𑚵 - ṭa; 𑚶 - ṭha; 𑚷 - ḍa; 𑚸 - ḍha; 𑚹 - na; 𑚺 - ṇa; 𑚻 - ṭa; 𑚼 -

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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
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| a | ந | வ | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய |
| â | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய |
| i | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய |
| î | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய |
| u | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய |
| û | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய |
| ṛ | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய |
| e | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய |
| ai | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய |
| o | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய |
| au | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய |

â - shaksh; i - shaksh; u - shaksh; û - shaksh; ṛ - shaksh; e - shaksh; ai - shaksh; o - shaksh; au - shaksh; 1 - shaksh; 2 - shaksh; 3 - shaksh; 4 - shaksh; 5 - shaksh; 6 - shaksh; 7 - shaksh; 8 - shaksh; 9 - shaksh; 10 - shaksh; 11 - shaksh; 12 - shaksh; 13 - shaksh; 14 - shaksh; 15 - shaksh; 16 - shaksh; 17 - shaksh; 18 - shaksh; 19 - shaksh; 20 - shaksh.

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| a | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய |
| â | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய |
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| î | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய |
| u | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய |
| û | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய |
| ṛ | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய |
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| ai | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய |
| o | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய |
| au | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய | ய |

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| | | a | b | c | d | e | f | g | h | i | j | k | l | m | n | o | p | q | r |
| a | | aa | ab | ac | ad | ae | af | ag | ah | ai | aj | ak | al | am | an | ao | ap | aq | ar |
| b | | ba | | | | | | | | | | | | bm | bn | bo | bp | bq | br |
| c | | ca | | | | | | | | | | | | cm | cn | co | cp | cq | cr |
| d | | da | | | | | | | | | | | | dm | dn | do | dp | dq | dr |
| e | | ea | | | | | | | | | | | | em | en | eo | ep | eq | er |
| f | | fa | | | | | | | | | | | | fm | fn | fo | fp | fq | fr |
| g | | ga | | | | | | | | | | | | gm | gn | go | gp | gq | gr |
| h | | ha | | | | | | | | | | | | hm | hn | ho | hp | hq | hr |
| i | | ia | | | | | | | | | | | | im | in | io | ip | iq | ir |
| j | | ja | | | | | | | | | | | | jm | jn | jo | jp | jq | jr |
| k | | ka | | | | | | | | | | | | km | kn | ko | kp | kq | kr |
| l | | la | | | | | | | | | | | | lm | ln | lo | lp | lq | lr |
| m | | ma | | | | | | | | | | | | mm | mn | mo | mp | mq | mr |
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| o | | oa | | | | | | | | | | | | om | on | oo | op | oq | or |
| p | | pa | | | | | | | | | | | | pm | pn | po | pp | pq | pr |
| q | | qa | | | | | | | | | | | | qm | qn | qo | qp | qq | qr |
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(1) The fac-simile of the original and the translation are taken from the paper published by Dr. Bühler in the *Epigraphia Indica*, Volume V, p. 4.

PATTADAKAL KANNADA
INSCRIPTION

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ಸಖಿಸಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಶಿವಪುರ
 ಮರಾನ್ ಮರ್ವಮಿಡಿ ಆ-
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 ದಿ ತುಲನೇಕ-
 ನ ದಿನಿ ಮಾಡಿರೇ(1)

Translation

Hail! Chhattara-Revadi-
 uvajja, the grandson of
 Sivamudda and (disciple) of
 Sarvasiddhi Acharya, con-
 structed the southern portion.

EARLY PALLAVA COPPER-PLATE INSCRIPTIONS

ವಿಷ್ಣುನಾಥೇಶ್ವರೇ
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 ಶ್ರೀಮತ್ಪಲ್ಲವೇಶ್ವರೇ
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 ಶ್ರೀಮತ್ಪಲ್ಲವೇಶ್ವರೇ

ಜಿತಂ ಭಗವತಾ ಶ್ರೀವಿಜಯ ಪಲ್ಲವ-
 ಶ್ಯಾನಾಂ ಪರಮಪ್ರಭುಸ್ಯ ಸ-
 ವಾಡುಬಾಳಾಜಿತೋಜಿತಂ ಶ್ಲೋಕ ತಪೋನಿಧಿಃ(2)

(1) Taken from Dr. Fleet's paper on the Pattadakal inscriptions. Indian Antiquary, Vol. X. p. 170. He translates the passage thus :—"Hail Chhattara-Revadi-Ovajja of the Sarvasiddhi-Acharyas, who was acquainted with the secrets of the Sri-Sivamuddas, made the Southern Country." I have differed from him in his reading by reading the name *Revadi* as *Revadi*; of the names Nimmadi, Midevadi, Permandi, &c, also cf. 91 occurring in this word with the same in *madidol* in l. 5. I am sorry I have to differ from him in his translation of the inscription also.

(2) Ind. Act. Vol. V. 50.

TAMIL OF THE REIGN OF NANDIVIKRAMA VARMAN
(FIRST HALF OF THE 9TH CENTURY A.D.)

சுரீ மாவலிவாணராயர் பட்டபடிபனியியிசு
சூரபாபுரத்து பட்டினியிலபுதுந்
பித்து கெடந்தோய் கிழபா மகன...

சுரீ மாவலிவாணராயர் வடுகவழி பன்னிராயிரமும் ஆள, வாணபுத்து வடகிர கோயில் புதுக்குவித்து இதற்கு இனங்கிழவர் மகன்

Translation

While Sri Mavali-vāṇarāyar was ruling over the Vaṭugavaḷi twelve-thousand, the Vaṭasikara temple was repaired (or rebuilt) and for this the son of Ilanḡilavar,

TAMIL OF THE REIGN OF RAJARAJACHOLADEVA I (985—1012 A.D.)

அபி ஸ்ரீ கிழமகனபெலபெய்தி ஸ்ரீ ஸ்ரீ
சூரபாபுரத்து பட்டினியிலபுதுந்
பித்து கெடந்தோய் கிழபா மகன்...

அபி ஸ்ரீ கிழமகன் போலப் பெருநிலச்செல்வியுனைக்க யுரிமை புண்டமை மனக்கா
ளக்கா ஆளுநர் சீரலைமறுதருந் வேங்கைநாடுங்குங் கந்த* பாடியும்

(*) S. I, I, Vol. III., part I, pl. V.

(*) S. I, I, Vol. III., part I, pl. IV.

2. இது சமீப காலமாக...

சுருஷி வாழ்கி னாஹ் ஸ்ரீ கர்யத்ரயா

ब्रह्मग्यमसोमयागमयथाप्रस्था...

नृत्यहारजिह्वाननम् जातंयतेश्वर...

ದೊಡ್ಡಪುತ್ರ ಅಥವಾ: ದೊಡ್ಡಪುತ್ರನು

သထုံ ၈၁။ ပဋိပညာ၏ အနိစ္စသဘောကို ဖော်ပြသည်။ (၇)

विशेषप्रबन्धविष्णुः विष्णोरंशामतारहा...

ववंशारपल्लवानान्निखिल भुवनवाम...

പഴയ ജനപ്രയാതി പട്ടികയുണ്ടായിരുന്നു

பாஷாபுரி அரிசை அபிஷேகம்

ကံစပ်ကြိုအပ်သိဟူသောအရာ

सकलजगत्त्रयाभि वन्दित सुरासुराधीश-

परमेश्वरप्रतिहारिकृतमहावलिकुलो-

तूभव श्रीमावलिवणरायर् (8)

පැයුම්: ඇත් වූ ප්‍රතිචාරය

പ്രേമപാദികൾ എഴുത്തുവെച്ചു

பரிபத்னா:—

स्वस्तिश्रीः एतत् विश्वनृपश्रेणिमौलिमा-

लोपलाळितम् शासनं राजराजके-

सरिवर्मणः ॥—

(6) S. I. I. Vol., II., pl. XI. Kuram Plates of Paramesvaravarman.

(7) S. I. I. Vol. II, pl. XI. Kasakudi plates of Nandivarman Pallavamalla.

(8) S. I. I. Vol. III, pl. V. Tiruvallam Rock Inscription.

(9) S. I. I. Vol. II, part I pl. 2, Tanjore Inscription of Rajarajadeva I.

GRANTHA OF THE REIGN OF KULOTTUNGA CHOLADEVA I. (1070—1118 A. D.)

10
 உய்யுதி: சூலதோர நி கரையத்தியயு
 கி. பி. சூலதோர நி கரையத்தியயு

सस्तिश्रीः आसेतोराहिमाद्वैरवतिवसुम-
 तौ श्रीकुलत्तुंगचोळे निस्सोन्नस्तमहोम्नी...

GRANTHA OF THE TIME OF JATARARMAN SUNDARA PANDYADEVA
(ABOUT 1250 A. D.)

11
 உய்யுதி: சூலதோர நி கரையத்தியயு
 கி. பி. சூலதோர நி கரையத்தியயு

हरिः ओम् सस्तिश्रीः—येनासौ करुणा-
 मनोयतदशां श्रीरंग पद्माकरः कृत्वा...

GRANTHA OF THE TIME OF THE FIRST VIJAYANAGARA DYNASTY (1386. A. D.)

12
 உய்யுதி: சூலதோர நி கரையத்தியயு
 கி. பி. சூலதோர நி கரையத்தியயு

शुभमस्तु ओकारां कुरदंशाय सकलान्नाय-
 वोपिणे आद्यायास्तुनमस्तस्मै वराहाय-
 महौजसे ॥

MODERN GRANTHA

13
 உய்யுதி: சூலதோர நி கரையத்தியயு
 கி. பி. சூலதோர நி கரையத்தியயு

श्रीनिवासमहाचार्य प्रातर्वेदान्तसंपदं ।
 त्वमणार्य दयापात्रं श्रीनिवाससूरमजे ॥

(10) Ep. Ind. Vol. V, pl. facing p. 104. Tiruvengādu Inscription.

(11) Do Vol. III, pl. facing p. 14. Śrīraṅgam Inscription.

(12) Vedānta-dōṣika Vajbhava-prakāśika.

CHOLA INSCRIPTIONS

A. GUHANATHASVAMIN TEMPLE INSCRIPTION OF PARAKESARIVARMAN, KANYAKUMARI

This inscription is engraved on a stone built into the dark circuit surrounding the innermost shrine of the Guhanāthasvamin temple at Kanyakumari. The character in which the record is written is Vatteluttu and the language, Tamil. The Vatteluttu employed herein is somewhat more archaic than those in the inscriptions of Rājārāja &c. and consequently, the **Parakesari** of this document might likely be **Parāntakachōja I**. The inscription is not complete.

Text ⁽¹⁾

1. வலவழி முடி [|| *]
2. கோப்பரகேச-
3. ரிபற்மற்(க்)ரு
4. யாண்டு நடுசு மு-
5. ப்பத்தோன்-
6. நாவது [அ]த்த...

Translation

Be it well ! (In) the 39, thirty-ninth year of (the reign of) the king, Parakēsarivarman.....

B. SUCHINDRAM INSCRIPTION OF PARAKĒSARIVARMAN

The following inscription is engraved on a natural rock in the *prākāra* of the Sthānūnāthasvamin temple at Suchindram. The alphabet of the inscription is Vatteluttu and the language, Tamil. It appears to belong to the reign of **Parāntakachōja I**, the first Chōla king who extended his conquests as far south as Kanyakumari. It records the gift of 50 sheep for maintaining a perpetual lamp before the God of the temple at Suchindram. This inscription has been published by Dr. Hultzsch in Vol. V., pp. 42—3, of the *Epigraphia Indica*.

Text ⁽²⁾

1. வலவழி முடி [|| *] கோப்பரகேசரிவன்ம-
2. ந்(க்)ரு யாண்டு முப்பத்துநாலு இ-
3. வவாண்டு நாஞ்சிநாட்டு திருச்-
4. சிநிந்திரத்து மாதேவர்க்கு தெ-
5. ன்நாட்டு தலைக்குளத்து அரையன்-
6. ரவிந்தன் சந்திராதித்தம[லு] -
7. ம் சியதி உழக்கு நெய் முட்டா-
8. மல் எரிவதாக வைச்ச திருநொ-
9. ந்தா விளக்கு ஒன்றினுக்கு வைச்[ச*]
10. சாவா முவா பேர்ஆடு அம்பது [|| *] இவை
11. ஐம்பதும் பா[இ]ட விலையாயர்க்கு

(1) From inked impressions.

(2) From inked impressions.

C. DARSANANKOPPU INSCRIPTION OF RAJARAJA I.

The subjoined inscription is engraved on the south base of the Rāghavēśvarasvāmin temple at Darśanāṅkōppu, a village about 3 miles from Bhūtappāṇḍi, the head quarters of the Tōvālai talūka of the Padmanābhapuram Division. The alphabet of the inscription is Vaṭṭeḷuttu and the language, Tamil. The record is not in good preservation. It belongs to the 8th year of the reign of Rājakesarivarman Rājaraḷa I, who "destroyed the vessels at Kāṇḍalūr." It seems to record the appointment of a person to the accountantship of the temple and of the village and the settlement of his remuneration by the *karuṇattār*. The name of the village, as given in the inscription, is Tiruvarāṅkōḷpu; the temple is referred to as the "big temple of Śrī Mūlasthanattu—Ālvār."

Text ⁽¹⁾

1. ஸ்வமினீ [||*] கார்த்துநர்ச்சாலை கலமறுத்த கோவிராயகேசரிவ-
2. ன்மர்க்கு யாண்டு [அ] விது இவ்வாண்டு நாஞ்சினாட்டுத் தேவதானம் [தி]-
3. ருவரன் கோன்பில் னீ முலஸ்தானத்தான்வார்க்கும் பெரியதளிக்கு
4. [இன்று] காணத் தோமவிரோதமாக குறையறக்கூடி இருந்து செ...
5. . . ம . தனுக்கு தளிக்கணக்குஞ் சவைக்கணக்கும் இவனுக்கு விருத்தி . . ப்பும-
6. முன்றும் திட்டை-
7.

Translation

Be it well! The 8th year of the king Rājakesarivarman, who destroyed the vessels at Kāṇḍalūr (was current); in this year, we the whole lot of the *karuṇattārs*, having met this day without any difference (among us), made arrangement for.....to the large temple and the Mūlasthanattu-Ālvār at Tiruvarāṅkōḷpu, a *dēvadāna* (village) in the Nāñjināḍu.....for the accountantship of the temple and of the *sabha* for his maintenance.....

D. SUCHINDRAM INSCRIPTION OF RAJARAJAKESARIVARMAN

This inscription is engraved on a rock in the Śiva temple at Suchindram, in S. Travancore. It has been edited by Dr. Hultzsch in the *Epigraphia Indica*, Vol. V, pp. 43. The alphabet of the record is Vaṭṭeḷuttu and the language Tamil. It records the gift of 50 sheep for the up-keep of a perpetual lamp to be burnt day and night in the presence of the deity at Suchindram.

Text ⁽²⁾

1. ஸ்வமினீ [||*] கோ இராசஇராசகேசரிவன்-
2. மர்க்கு யாண்டு பத்தாம்பாண்டு துடங்-
3. கன கற்கடக ஞா[யி*]ற்று நாஞ்சினாட்டு
4. ஸ்ரீஹதேயம் திருச்சி[வி]ந்திரத்து
5. உறாழேவர்க்கு [ச]மு நாட்டு மழவ-
6. ரையன் [செ]ன்னிகண்டன் [ரிச]தம் உழ-
7. க்கு நெய் சந்திராகித்தவல் இர-
8. வும் பகலும் [மு*]ட்டாமல் எரிவதாக [வை]-
9. ச்ச திருந்தாவிளக்கு ஒன்று [||*] இதுக்கு

(1) From inked impressions.

(2) From inked impressions.

10. வைச்சு ச[ர]வா மூவாப்பேராடு அ[ஞ்]ம்பது [|| *]
11. இவை மூல படைவலெய்யார் வசம் காட்டி-
12. க்குடுத்தன || மூல படைச்சுவையாருந்
13. எம்பெருமான் டெ[வ]ட்டிர் குடி படைத்[தரு]
14. மன் கணையந் துறையாக்கி காட்டி-
15. க்குடுத்தன [|| *]

E. DARSANANKOPPU INSCRIPTION OF RAJARAJA I.

This inscription is engraved on the south base of the central shrine of the Rāghaveśvara temple at Darsanankoppu. The preservation of the record is not very good. The alphabet employed is Vatteluttu and the language Tamil. The inscription records the gift of a perpetual lamp by the members of the *sabha*, on behalf of one Pullanāryana.

Text ⁽¹⁾

1. வலவிலி[ஞ்] [|| *] காந்தளார் ச்சுலை கலமறுத்த கோவிராசராஜகேசரிவன்மர்க்கு
2. யானிடு பத்தாவது [|| *] நாஞ்சிறாட்டுத் தேவதானம் திருவரன்கோள்ப்பில்
3. ணீ மூலஸ்தா[ன]த்து டேவர்க்கு நேரிபன்[மு]வேந்த வேளார் [சு]கா...தாம-
4. ன் புல்லநாராயணனைச்சாத்தி ஸவைபார் வைச்சு நெரந்-
5. தாவினக்கு [|| *] ஒன்றுக்குத் தென்

(The rest of the inscription is illegible).

Translation

Hail! Prosperity! The year tenth of (the reign of) the king Rājarājakesarivarman, who destroyed the ships at Kāṇḍalūr (was current). To the god of the Mūlasthanā at Tiruvārakkōlpu, a *devadāna* village in the Nāñjinādu, Neriyāṇ Mūvendaṇḍar...Sikā ... darāmaṇ...the members of the *sabha* set up a perpetual lamp in the name of Pullanāryaṇa. For this one.....

F. GUHANATHASVAMIN TEMPLE INSCRIPTION OF RAJENDRACHOLADEVA I.

The following inscription is engraved on the south base of the central shrine of the Guhanāthasvamin temple at Kaṇyākumāri. The end of the inscription is lost. The language and alphabet of the record are Tamil. It is dated the **twenty-eighth year** of the king Parakesarivarman Rājendracholadeva, who took the "Eastern country and the Ganges and Kaṇḍāram," and records that a perpetual lamp was set up by a private person.

Text ⁽²⁾

1. வலவிலி[ஞ்] [|| *] தூர்வூ டேசமுங்கெய்க்கெயுந் கடாரமுங்கொண்டருளின கேட்ப-
பரகேசரி பன்மராய உடெடெ-
2. யார் ணீ ராஜேந்திரசோழதேவர்க்கு யாண்டு இருபத்தேட்டாவது ராஜராஜப்பாண்டி
நாட்டு உத்தம சோழவளநாட்டுப் புறத்தாயநாட்டு-

(1) From inked impressions.

(2) From inked impressions.

3 க்குமரி இராஜாஜ ஸ்ரீராமுடையார்க்கு [மு]ள்ளிநாட்டு மதின்குறுச்சி இருக்கும் வெள்ளான் அப்பிபொன்னு-

4 [ண் டி]யேன் என் தம்பி யப்பிராராயவாளுக்குவெச்ச விளக்கு ஒன்று இவ்வி [ள*]-க்குக்கு வெச்ச சாவாமுவா போடு இரு-

5 [பெ]த்தஞ்சு ததம் அட்டுவதானேன் கழிக்-
குடி இருக்கும் வெள்ளா[ள*]ன்

6 மெருதசோ[லை]யேன் இவனு-

7 ராத

G. GUHANATHASVAMIN TEMPLE INSCRIPTIONS OF RAJENDRACHOLADEVA I.

This record is also found in the Gubānāthasvamin temple and is engraved on the west base of the central shrine. Its language and alphabet are Tamil. It is dated the **twenty-eighth** year of the reign of the king **Rājendracholadeva I**, and also records the gift of a perpetual lamp.

Text (1)

1 ஸ்வாமி[ள*] பூவுடையாமுந்கன்கொடியுந் கடாமுந் கொண்டருளின கோப்பர-
சேரி பன்மரா(ரி)யின் உடையா[ள*] இராஜேந்திர-

2 சோழ தேவற்கு யாண்டு உயது ஆவது இராஜ ராஜப் பாண்டி நாட்டு உத்தம சோழ
வளநாட்டுப் புறத்தாயநாட்டு

3 குமரிபாஜராமுடையார்க்கு இத்தேவரடியான் கண்டன் சோலை வைத்த
திருநெடுவாளைக்கு ஒன்று

4 இது[ள*]கு வைத்த சாவாமுவாப்போடு இருபத்தஞ்சு கொண்டு நித்தம் ஆழக்கு
நெய் சந்திராதித்த வல் முட்டாமல் அட்டுவ-

5 தாக கொண்டான் பூதன்

6 கனவதி இவனுக்குபு-

7 னை விபாழன் சடைய-

8 ன்

H. I. J. GUHANATHASVAMIN TEMPLE INSCRIPTIONS OF RAJENDRACHOLADEVA I.

Like the two foregoing inscriptions, those edited below are also found on the south and west bases of the central shrine of the Gubānāthasvamin temple at Kanyakumari. They are written in the Tamil alphabet and in the Tamil language and record the gifts of perpetual lamps made by private persons. They belong to the **29th, 30th and 31st** years of the king **Parakesarivarman Rājendracholadeva I**, who took the Eastern country, Ganges and Kaṭāram.

H

Text (2)

1. ஸ்வாமி[ள*] பூவுடையாமுந்கன்கொடியுந் கடாமுந் கொண்டருளின கோப்பரசேரி
வடநாள் உடையா[ள*]

2. ஸ்ரீ ராஜேந்திரசோழ தேவற்கு யாண்டு இருபத்தொன்பதாவது இராஜ ராஜப் பாண்டிநாட்டு
உத்தம சோழவளநாட்டு-

(1) From inked impressions.

(2) From inked impressions.

3. ப்புறத்தாய நாட்டு க்குமரி இராஜராஜ சமுதிரமெயர்க்கு கருங்குளவனநாட்டு கவி-
கால சோழநல்லூர் இருக்கும் வெள்ளாளன்
4. தயம்பொமட்டனான சிவஜனாபதான் [திங்கள்] திருதுணர்விளக்கு ஒன்றுக்கு +
வெத்த சாவாமுவாபோடு உடுநு இருபத்தஞ்சும் [ஓ]-
5. ட்டி கொண்டுசுராதித்தவல் முட்டாமல் தித்தம் ஆழாக்குநெய் ஆட்டுவதாக கொண்-
டான் நாஞ்சிராட்டு மணற்குடி இருக்கும் இடெ-
6. யன் சுயரன் இலப்பெப இவனுக்குப்புனை இவ்வூர் இருக்கு[ம்]
7. இடெயன் அரங்கன் பலதேவன்

I

Text ⁽¹⁾

1. ஹவ்விஸ் [||*] பூர்வதேசமுந்கக்கெயுக்கடாமுந் கொண்டருளின கோப்பாகேசரி-
வநாந உடெயார் ஸீ ராஜே-
2. ஸோழதேவர்க்கு யாண்டு [௬] ஆவது இராஜராஜப் பாண்டிநாட்டு உத்தம] சோழ-
[வனநாட்டுப்புற]த்தாய நாட்டுகுமரி இராஜரா-
3. ஜாசமுதிரமெயர்க்கு நாட்டாற்றுப்போக்கு திருக்குறுங்குடி
. வெத்ததிருநந்தா

J

Text ⁽²⁾

1. ஹவ்விஸ் [||*] பூர்வதேசமுந் கக்கையுந் கடாமுந்கொண்டருளின கோப்பாகேய்-
சரிவன்மாரியின உடையார் ஸீ இராஜேந்திர சோழதேவற்கு யாண்டு [௬]ஆவது [||*]
2. ப்பாண்டிநாட்டு உத்தம சோழ வனநாட்டு புறத்தாயநாட்டு குமரி இராஜ
ராஜ சமுதிரம் உடையார்க்கு இராஜராஜப் பாண்டிநாட்டு வைக்கையக்கரை மண[உ]ள்
வெள்ளாளன்-
3.ன் மணற்காடன் ஆனநவேநிலத்தன்மசேட்டிவெத்த திருநந்தாவிளக்கு ஒன்று-
க்கு வெத்த சாவாமுவாபோடு ஐயப்பது [||*] இவ்வாடு ஐயப்பதுங்கண்டு கொ[ண்டு] இத்-
தேவர் நா-
4. திரமாணிக்கத்தின் கீழ் உழக்கினால் நிசதி உழக்கு நெய் சந்திராதித்தவல்
முட்டாமல் ஆட்டுவதானை ப[டை]த்தலைவன் அவையன் காலி[தி] [||*] இவனுக்கு புனைஇ-
5. பட்டிகுடி இடையன் அரங்கன் மணியன் ||

K AND L. GUHANATHASVAMIN TEMPLE INSCRIPTIONS OF RAJAKESARIVARMAN RAJADHIRAJA.

Of the two inscriptions edited below, the first is engraved on the west base of the central shrine of the Guhanāthasvamin temple at Kanyakumārī. It is a fragment containing only the historical introduction; the rest of the record is lost. It is written in the Tamil language and alphabet. In addition to the number of military achievements of the king **Rajadhirāja** recorded in other inscriptions, the present one adds the fact that he defeated the **king of the Kupaka** country.

(1) From inked impressions.

(2) From inked impressions.

The second inscription is engraved on the north base of the same shrine; the first portion of the record is built in; the date portion of the inscription is thus lost. It seems that the inscription proceeds to mention something about the water-shed that is said to have been established by Ayyanambi, *alias* Maṅgalakkalmaṇ, for, it mentions the Nāṇpatteṇṇāyira-ppaṇmāheśvarar, the temple of Vēdiya Śāstā, etc. (see Tr. Ar, series, p., 168.). In the inscription published by me on page 168 of this series, I have misread the name of the king as Rājakesarivarman Rājārāja, and identified him wrongly with Rājārāja II. In the light of the facts contained in other inscriptions, I now see that the king is Rājakesarivarman Rājādhirāja, and not Rājārāja II.

K

Text ⁽¹⁾

- 1 வடிவமின் [|| *] திங்கனேர் . . . வளங்கதிரக்கடவுள் தொல்குலம் விளங்கத் தோன்-
மில்லைய வடதிசெ
- 2 டெடிழந்தி[சை*]த்தெசெதொறுஞ் செங்கோலோச்சி யிசெசெழுதென்னவன்
மானபரணன் பொன்முடி ஆலப்பருமதிட்
- 3 செண்டொதுக்கிக் கூபகத்தெரெசெ சேவகந்துலைத்து வேலைகெ[ழு] காந்தனூர்ச்சாலை
கலமுத்தருளித்துதிசெ
- 4 க்தென்றிசெயிலங்கெயுங் குணதிசெமேறோதெயுங் குடதிசெ கடாரமும் தண்-
டாற்கொண்ட

L

Text ⁽²⁾

- 1 ல்குலம் விளங்கத் தோன்றி மல்கிய வடதிசெக்கங் கையுந் தென்றி-
செ இலங்கெயுங் குடதிசெ மேறோ தயுகுண
- 2 குடெடிழந்தித் திசெசெதொறுஞ் செங்கோலோச்சி இசெசெழு-
தென்னவன் ம[ரி]பரணன் பொன்முடியானுப் பருமதிப் பகனலை போரு(ரு)ந்ததரினா-
- 3 மமறுத்தருளி துதிசெழு ஜெயங்கொண்ட சோழன் உயர்க்பெரும்-
புகட் கோவிராஜகேசரி பநூரன் உடெயர் ன் ராஜராஜாநி ராஜதேவற்குமா-
- 4 மரி ராஜராஜன் சாலையின் சாலாபோகம் நாஞ்சிராட்டு மணற்குடி
ஊரோங்கெத்திட்டு நாற்பத்தெண்ணுயிர்ப்பநூயே-
- 5 கொண்ட பரிசாவது குமரி ராஜராஜ சுயாமுடெயர் கோயிலின்
தென் கிழ முலை இருக்கும் சாஸ்தா வேதி[ய]ச்சாத்தன் கோயிலின் தென்பகத்து எடு

M. GUBANATHASVAMIN TEMPLE INSCRIPTION OF PARAKESVARIVARMAN
RAJENDRADEVA

This inscription is engraved on the south base of the central shrine of the Gubānāthesvāmin temple at Kanyākumārī. It is, like all other inscriptions of this temple, written in the Tamil language and alphabet, and is dated the fifth year of the reign of the king Parakesarivarman Rājendraḍeva and records that a woman set up a perpetual lamp, for which she made a gift of twenty-five sheep.

(1) From inked impressions.
(2) From inked impressions.

Text ⁽¹⁾

- 1 வு^வவிலி^தன^த || * இரட்டபாடி ஏழரை இலக்கமுங்கொண்டு போற்றங்கரை கொப்பத்து
ஆஹவமல்லனை அஞ்சுவித்து யானையுங் குதிரையும் பெண்டிர் பண்டாரமுங்
- 2 கைக்கொண்டு விஜயவிஷேக*^தசெய்து வீரவி^தஹாஸனத்து விற்றிருந்தரு-
வின கோப்பர கேசரி^தபன்^தமரண உடையார் ஸ்ரீ ராஜேந்திர தேவர்க்கு யாண்டு ஐஞ்-
- 3 சா^தவ*^தகுராஜராஜப் பாண்டி^தநாட்டு*^த உத்தம சோழவ^தநாட்டுப்புறத்தாய-
நாட்டு கழிக்குடி ராஜராஜ ஸ்ரீராமு
- 4 தானம் வீர நிலை வெள்ளாளன் அப்பி அத்தனை சாத்தி^த இவன் தாய்^த செந்தில்
வைத்த திருநுந்தாவிலுக்கு ஒன்றுக்கு வைத்த
- 5 பண்டாரத்து முதலாக்கும் நாழி பவித்திரமாணிக்கத்^த
கொணர் ன் குணவன்
- 6 ட சாவாமுவாப் போடு இருபத்தைஞ்ச இவ்வாடு இரு கைக்கெ^தர^த
. ன் வற்கத்தா
- 7 டக்கடவனுனைன் பட்டன் குணவனைன் இந் ரும்^த அ^த டடன்வி
- 8 மனும் பட்டன் குறுங்குடியும் இவ்வனைவோம்

N. AGASTISVARAM TEMPLE INSCRIPTION OF
KULOTTUNGACHOLADEVA I.

This is engraved on the north wall of the *ardha-mandapa* of the central shrine of the Siva Temple at Agastisvaram; its language and alphabet are Tamil. The inscription is not well preserved and consequently illegible here and there. It is dated the **thirty-eighth** year of the reign of the king **Kulottungacholadeva**. That part of the village where the temple stands is said to have gone by the name of Kumārimaṅgalam. It records, as in another inscription published below, the gift of some pans of salt, for the merit of the king by some of the subordinates.

Text ⁽²⁾

- 1 ஸ்ரீ சக்தாவத்திகள் ஸ்ரீ
- 2 குலோத்துங்க சோழதேவ-
- 3 ந்கு யாண்டு முப்பத்தெட்டாவது
- 4 ராஜராஜப் பாண்டிநாட்டுப் உ-
- 5 த்தம சோழவளநாட்டுப் புற-
- 6 த்தாயநாட்டு குமரிமங்கலத்து-
- 7 த்திரு அகத்தீராமுடையமா^தத-
- 8 வற்கு குலோத்துங்க சோழதேவ-
- 9 ர் திருமேனி கவியா^தண திருமே^த-
- 10 னியா^தவ^த. [வேணுமென்று]
- 11
- 12 இம்மண்டலத்து
- 13 உப்பளங்க விராயரான
- 14

(1) From inked impressions.

(2) From inked impressions.

15 இம்மண்டலத்து உப்பள -

16 [ங்]களுக்கு [கூறு] . . .

17—19. (Damaged)

O. CHOLAPURAM INSCRIPTION OF KULOTTUNGACHOLA I.

The subjoined inscription is engraved on the north, west and south walls of the first *prakāra*, Chōlēsrara temple at Chōlapuram, a suburb of Nāgarkōyil. It is dated the 30th year of the reign of the King **Rājakesarivarman Kulottungachōladeva I.** It records that when the king was staying at Kāñchipuram, he made a grant of the village of **Andāykkudi** under the name of Rājendrasōlanallūr, to the temple of Rājendrachōlōśvaram erected by one Araiyaṇ Madhurāntakaṇ alias Kulōttuṅgachōla-Keralarājāṇ of Muḷaiyūr, one of his officers. The place where the temple at present stands was, in olden times, included in the city of Kōttāra, otherwise known by the name of Mummūśōlanallūr, it was situated in the Nānjinādu, a sub-division of Uttamaśōlavaḷa-nādu in the Rājārāja-Pāṇḍinādu. This inscription is edited by Dr. Hultzsch in the *South-Indian Inscriptions* Vol. III, pp. 159-163. The last 5 or 6 lines containing the description of the boundaries, being very badly damaged, are omitted in the transcript given below.

Text. ⁽¹⁾

1. ஸ்ரீஸ்ரீஸ்ரீ [|| *] புகழ் சூழ்ந்த புணரி அகழ்சூழ்ந்த புவியிற்ப்பொன் னேமி யளவுந்தன்
 னேமி நடப்ப விளங்கு ஐயமகளை இளங்கோப்பருவத்துச் சக்கரகோட்டத்து விக்கிரமத்-
 தொழிலாற் புதுமணம் புனாந்து மதுவரை (2) யீட்டம்வயிராகரத்து வாரி அயிலுமு[னை*]க்-
 குந்தவவரைத் தந்தனமிரி (3) நிறுத்தி வடதிசை வாகை குடித்-
 தென்றிசைத் தேமருகமலப்பூமகள் பந்துமையும் (4) பொன்னியாடை நன்னிலப்பாவை
 தனிமையுற் தவிரு (5) வந்து புனிதத்திருமணிகுடும் (6) உரிமையிற் குடித்தனடியிரண்டுந்-
 தடமுடியாகத் தொந்தில வேந்தர் சூட முன்னை மனுவாறுபெருகக் கலியாறு வறுப்பச்-
 செங்கோல் திசைதொறுஞ்செல்ல வெண்குடை இருநிலைவளாகம் வெண்கணுந்தனது (7)
 திருநிலை (8) வெண்ணிலாத்தகழி ஒருதனி மேருவிற்புலி விளையாட வரர்கடற்றிபார்த்தாத்-
 துப்பூபர் திறை விடுத்த கலஞ்சொரி களிறு முனை (9) லங்கிய தேவ்-
 னவன் கருந்தலை பருந்தலைத்திடத் தன் பொன்னகர் புறத்திடைக்கிடப்ப இன்னான் பிற்குலப்-
 பிறைபோல் நிற்பிழையோ மெனஞ்சொல்லெதிர் கோடிற்றல்லது தன்னகை வில்லெதிர்
 கொடா வேள்புலத்தாச அளத்தியிலிட்ட களிற்றைத்தீட்டமும் (10) பட்டவெம்பரியும் விட்ட
 தன் மானமுக்கூறின விரமுங்கிடப்ப ஏறின மலைகளுமுதுகு நெளிப்ப இழிந்த நதிகளுஞ்-
 சூழன்றுடைந்தோ - (10)

(1) From inked impressions.

(2) Read மதுவரை.

(3) There is a break in the original here; the following passage is therefore omitted: 'வாளுறை கழித்து
 தோள்வலை காட்டி போர்ப்பரி டாத்தி சீர்த்தியை.'

(4) Read பொதுமை.

(5) Read தவிர்.

(6) Read புனிதத்திரு.

(7) Read எங்கணு.

(8) Read முறைந்நப் விலங்கிய.

(9) Read களிற்றின தீட்டமும்.

(10) Read சுழன்று.

2. ட விழுந்த கடலகரூர் தலைவிரித்தலமாக குடதிசைத்தன்னாளுந்த காணுந்தானையும் பன்-
னாட்ட பலபல முதலும் பயத்தெதிர் மாறிய ஜயப்பெருந்திருவும் பழியுகந்து குறித்த வெங்கரி
பிரையுங் கங்கமண்டலமும் கொங்கன தேசமும் பாணி யிரண்டும் ஒரு விசைக் கைக்கொண்-
டென்றிய புகளொடு (11) பாண்டமண்டலமும் கொள்ளத்திருவுள்ளத்தடைத்து வெள்ளவரு
பரித்தாங்கமும் பொருகரிக்கல் [கு] கரூர் தந்திரவாரியமுடைத்தாய் வந்து வடகடல் தென்-
கடல் படர்வதுபோலத் தன் பெருஞ்சேனை ஏவிப் பஞ்சவரைவர் பொருத மொய்களத்தஞ்சி
வெருநெரித்தோடி அரணென்புக்க காடறத்துடைத்து நாட்டடிபடுத்து மற்றவர் தம்மை
வனசார் திரியும் பொச்சை வெஞ்சர மேற்றிக் கொற்றவிஜைபல்தம்பம் அத்திசை (13)
தொறும் நிறுத்த முத்தின் கிலாபழம் முத்தமிப்பதியினும் ம (14) படும்
மைப்பச்சையமுங் கன்னியும் கைக்கொண்டருளித்தென்னுட்டலை (15) காட்டி (ய்) கடல்
மலை நட்டுன (16) சாவேறெல்லார் தனி விசம்பேறுமாவேறிய தன் வருதினித் (17) தலைவரைக்
குறுகலர் சூலைப் கோட்டாறுப்பட நெறிதொறு நிலைகரிட்டருளித் திறல்கொளரமுந்
திருப்புயத்தலங்கனும் (18) போல் வீரமுந்தியாகமும் விளங்கப் பார்தொழச் சிவனிடத்து-
3. மையெனத் தியாகவல்லி அவனிமுழுதுடையாரிருப்ப அவனுடன் கங்கை விற்றிருந்தென
மங்கையர் திலகம் ஏழிசைவல்லபி ஏழலகுடையான் வாழிய மலர்ந்தினிதிருப்ப ஊழியும் அவ-
னிமுழுதுடையாளோடும் வீரலிஹாலானத்து விற்றிருந்தருளின கோவிராஜகேசரி பந்-
ரான சக்கரவர்த்திகள் ஸ்ரீ குலோத்துங்க சோழதேவர் காஞ்சிபுரத்துக் கோயிலினுள்ளல்
அட்டத்து வேள்மேலை மண்டபம் ராஜேந்திர சோழனில் சொட்டையில் எழுந்தருளியிருந்து
ராஜராஜப் பாண்டிநாட்டு உத்தம சோழவளநாட்டு நாஞ்சினாட்டுக் கோட்டாறான மும்முடி
சோழநல்லூரில் சோழமண்டலத்து மண்ணினாட்டு முழையுருடையான் அரையன் மதுராந்-
தகனான குலோத்துங்க சோழக்கோள ராஜன் எடுப்பித்த இராசேந்திர சோழராஜர
முடைய உறாஜேவர்க்கு இந்நாட்டு ஆந்தாய்க்குடிக்கு காணிக்கடன் காச எழுபத்தொன்ப
துக்கும் நெல்லு முன்னுற்றிருபத்து நாற்கலத்துக்கும் இராஜேஸ்ரீ சோழதேவற்கு ஏறின
வாண்டு ஏழாவது செலவின்படி இறைகட்டின மடை நாற்பத்தஞ்சையே மும்மாவரையும்
யாண்டு நடொவது முதல் இத்தேவற்கு வேண்டு நிவந்தங்களுக்கு இறுப்பதாக இவ்வு-
4. ர்முன் பியர் (19) தவிர்த்து இராஜேஸ்ரீசோழநல்லூரென்னும் பியரால் (16) ஊர்க்கழஞ்சு கும
ரக்கச்சாணமு மீன்பாட்டமு[ம்*] தறியிறை தட்டார் பாட்டமுமாடைக்கூலி தெவதெங்-
காலன்வு கூலியும் உன்னிட்ட பாட்டங்களும் ஆந்தாயமும் சிலகுடிமையும் உட்பட யாண்டு
முப்பதாவது முதல் தேவதான இறையிலியாக வரியிலித்திருவாய்மொழிந் தருளினாரென்று
திருமந்திரவோலை கோளாந்தகப்பல்லவராயன் எழுத்தினால் புகுந்த திருவாய்க் கேழ்ளிப்படி
(17) புரவரிதினைக்கன நாயகம் அருமொழிதேவ வளநாட்டு நாகன் குடையான் பஞ்சநெதி
திருக்கண்ணபுரமுடையாலும் முல்லூர் கிழவன் வேளான் குமரனான குவலையசனார்

(11) Read புதழின்

(12) Read புசுமொடு.

(13) Read எத்திசை.

(14) Read பொதியினும் மதச்சுவெங்கர்.

(15) Read தென்னுட்டெல்லை.

(16) Read குடமலை நாட்டுள்ள.

(17) Read வருதினி .

(18) Read தலங்கனும்.

(19) Read பெயர்.

முவேந்த வேளானும் புவரிதினைக்களத்து : முகவெட்டி இராசசுந்தரவளநாட்டு அம்பர்
நாட்டு அண்டக்குடையான் ந[ர*]ராயணன் திருச்சிறம்பலமுடையானும் குஃ ஹருடை-
யான் அரையன் குடிதாங்கியான இராஜந[ர*]ராயண முவேந்தவேளானும் இருந்து யாண்டு
. வது நாள் நூற்றெண்பதினில் தேவதானஇறைமயிலியாக வரியிலிட்டது [||*]
இவ்வூர் கோன் இராசராசன் ஆன கொலைத்துங்கசோழ நாஞ்சிராமுடையா[ன்*] இவ்வூர்க்-
குச்சைமந்து பெருநான்கெல்லை அறைநிலை செய்த அறைநிலைப்படி இதற்கு கீழ்பாற்கெல்லை
அழகிய பாண்டிய புரத்துக்கு-
5. ப்போன வழிக்கு மேற்கும்

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While the king *Rājakesarivarman Kulōttuṅgachōlādēva* was staying in his place at *Kāñchi-puram*, he granted the village of *Andāykkūḍi* under the new name of *Rājēndrasōlanailūr* to the *Mahādēva* of the temple of *Rājēndrasōla-isvaram*, which *Āraiyan Madurantakay*, *alias Kulōttuṅga-sōla-Kēraḷarājāy*, of *Mulaiyūr* in the *Maṇṇināḍu*, a division of *Sōlamanḍalam*, had built at *Kōttār* otherwise known as *Mummuḍisōlanallūr*, in *Nānjināḍu*, a subdivision of the *Uttamasōla-vaḷanāḍu*, in *Rājārāja-Pāṇḍināḍu*. This grant was to be entered in the Revenue Registers as a tax-free *dēvadānam* village from the 30th year of the reign of the king. It was accordingly entered in the Revenue Registers on the 180 day of the year of the king's reign in the presence of a number of high officials.

P. CHŌLAPURAM INSCRIPTION OF KULŌTTUNGACHŌLA I.

This is also found in the *Chōlēśvara* temple and is engraved on the south base of it. It is dated the 39th year of the reign of *Kulottungacholadeva* and records that a person named *Chōla-vichchādara-pallavaraiyar* set up a perpetual lamp to be burnt in the presence of the god, *Rājēndrachōlēśvara*. Adverting to this temple Dr. Caldwell writes, "*Rājēndrachōla's* name is identified with that of *Siva* in an inscription at *Kōttār*, in South Travancore. The temple is said to have been 'erected by *Kulōttuṅgachōla*, in *Kōttār*, the good town, of the triple-crowned *Chōla*, to the great divinity *Rājēndrachōlēśvara*, that is, either to *Rājēndrachōla* considered as identified with *Siva*, or rather probably to *Siva*, as worshipped by *Rājēndrachōla*.'" (1) From the inscription O published above it is patent that *Kulōttuṅgachōla* was not the builder of the temple, but an individual named *Madhurantaka alias Kulōttuṅgachōla-Kēraḷarājāy*. Dr. Caldwell is again wrong in supposing *Rājēndrachōla* as identified with *Siva*, for, we know of no such cases either from inscription or from personal experience in which a man is identified with one of the Hindu Trinity; besides these the learned Doctor makes several statements, such as that *Rāmānuja* is mentioned by name in the *Saṭakōpar-antādi* etc. For aught I know, *Kambar*, the author of that *antādi* never mentions *Rāmānuja* at all in that work of his. It would take a lot of space to point out a large number of inaccuracies that have crept into Caldwell's work referred to above nor is this the place to do so.

1. ஹஹிஷு [||*] புகழ்மாதா விளங்க ஜயமாதா விரும்ப நிலமகள் நிலவ மலர்மகள் புணர் உரிமையிற்சிறந்தமணிமுடி சூடி மீனவர் நிலைகெட வில்லவர் சூலதர ஏனைமன்னவாரிதினுற் றிழிதாத் தி(ய)க்களைத்துந் தன்சுக்கர நடாத்தி விடுவோ [ர*] லிஷேதகம் பண்ணி வீரவிடா- ஹாஸனத்து அவனிமுழுதையாளோ-

(1) It is not known who this *Parākramachōla* was, after whom the factory is named. I have not met with such a surname assumed by any of the *Chōlas* known to history.

2. மும் விற்றிருந்தருளிய கோவிராஜமீகசரிபற்றமான சக்கரவர்த்திகள் ஸ்ரீ குலோத்துங்க சோழதேவர்க்கு யாண்டு கடுகநாவது ராஜராஜப் பாண்டிராட்டு உத்தம சோழவளநாட்டு நாஞ்சினாட்டுக் கோட்டாரான மும்முடி சோழநல்லூர் ராஜே ஸ்ரீசோழீஸ்ராமுடைய மஹா-
தேவற்கு சோழமண்டலத்துப்பாண்டிருலாந்தக-
3. வளநாட்டு ஆர்க்காட்டுக்கற்றத்து இளையருடையான் அரையன் கங்கைகொண்டானு
சோழவிச்சாதாப்பல்லவாயர் யாண்டு கடுக ஆவது முதல் சந்திராதித்தவல் [க்] செல்வநா
வைத்த திருநுந்தாவிளக்கொன்றுக்குக் கோட்டாற்று நிலைப்படை தானிவிச்சாதிரத்தமும்-
டில் படைபிலா-
4. த் தமிழன் மாணிக்கன் வசம் கிட்ட சாவாமுலாப்போடு ஐயும்பதும் இவன் கைக்கொண்டு
இவ்வாண்டு முதல் ராஜே ஸ்ரீசோழீஸ்ராமுடையநால் அளக்ககடவ நெய் உழக்கு இ நெய்
உழக்கும் முட்டாமல் சந்திராத்தவலும் தமிழன் மாணிக்கனும் இவன் வறகத்தாரும்
அளந்து இத்திரு-
5. துந்தாவிளக்கு ஒன்றும்

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

In the 39th year of the reign of the king Rājakesarivarman Kulottuṅgasōlādēva, one, Araiyaṅ Gangaiṅkōṇḍāṇ, *alias* Sōḷa-vicchebādara-ppallavaraiyar of Iraiyūr in the Arkkaḍu division of the Pāṇḍi-kulāntakavalāṇaḍu, a subdivision in the Sōḷamaṇḍalam, gave 50 sheep for maintaining a perpetual lamp in the temple of the Mahādēva of the Rājendrachōḷisvaram in Kōṭṭaṇṇu, *alias* Mummudi-sōḷanallūr, in Nāṇjinaḍu, a subdivision in the Uttamasōḷa-valāṇaḍu of the Rājārāja-Pāṇḍi-maṇḍa-lam. The sheep were taken charge of by one Tamiḷaṅ-Maṇikkāṇ of the army stationed at Kōṭṭaṇṇu; he bound himself to supply daily a *uḷḷuku* of ghee for burning the lamp.

Q. VARIYUR INSCRIPTION OF KULOTTUNGACHOLADEVA I.

The following inscription is engraved on the three faces of a stone lying in the coconut garden situated on the north of the salt factory near Vāriyūr. This record is also somewhat seriously damaged. It records that in the 4[*] year of the reign of the king Kulottuṅgachōḷādēva, one, Poṇṇariy-uḍaiyaṅ Araiyaṅ Muvāyirattoruvaṅ *alias* Kurkularāyaṅ of Amarapurimaṇḍalam, in the Uttamasōḷavalāṇaḍu, a subdivision of the Rājārāja-Pāṇḍinaḍu, set up a perpetual name for the merit of the king, in the temple at Suchindram; for the maintenance of which he granted two pans in the salt factory at Vāriyūr. The lamp so set up by him was called *Kulottuṅgasōlan-nundū-viḷakku*. From this inscription it is certain that the Vāriyūr salt factory must have existed before the time of Kulottuṅgasōlādēva I, that is, before the beginning of the 11th century A. D. Even to this day, it is an important factory which yields a portion of the supply of salt needed for the Travancore state, in which it is situated. Vāriyūr is about 3 miles north-east of Kanyākumāri.

Text ⁽¹⁾

1. ஸ்ரீவழிஸ்ரீ ||*|| புதன்மாதா விளங்க ⁽²⁾
2. ஸ்ரீயமாதா விரும்ப நிலமகள் தி-
3. லவ மலர்மகள் புனர் உரிமையி-
4. ந்சிறன் மணிமுடி சூடி மீனவர்நிலைகெ-
5. டனில்லவர் குலைபா [னை] மன்னவ-

(1) From inked impressions.

(2) Read புதன்

6. ர் இரிதலுற்றிநிதா (3) [தி]க்கணத்துணன்
7. சக்கர நடாத்தி வீரசிங்காலனத்து
8. அவனிமுழுதுடையாரோடும் வி-
9. ற்றிருணருவிய கோவிராஜ[கே]-
10. சரிபநூரன சக்காவத்திகள் ஸீ
11. குலோத்துங்கசோழதேவ-
12. ற்கு யாண்டு சடு[க]வது
- 13 to 19. (Damaged)
20. இது க்கு வார் திருவாணை [||*]
21. நாஞ்சிராட்டு சுணரீசோழ சதுற்றேவ-
22. டிரங்கலத்து சாபரீசிரமுடைய உற-
23. டேவற்க்கு பெருமாள் திருமேனி கவி-
24. யாண திருமேனியாக இரா[ச*]யிரா[ச*]ப்பா-
25. ண்டிராட்டு உத்தம சோழவழநாட்டு (4)
26. அமர[புரி]மங்கலத்து பொன்பற்றி
27. உடையான் அரையன் மூவா-
28. யிரத்தொருவனுன குருகுலாயன்
29. வைத்த திருநாற்காலினக்கு லு[ன்]-
30. று [||*] இவ்விளக்கு[க்கு*]ப் புறத்தாநாட்டு
31. வாரியூரான பாக்கிராம சோழப்பே-
32. ரளத்து குடும்பன் வில்லி[ய]ம் ப-
33. லவவன் ஃன இர[ண்டாயி]
34. ஃசித்திர[வ]ல்லி பணியில் இர-
35. ண்டு பாத்தி சந்திராதித்தவற் [விலை]
36. [கொண்?]டு குழுத்து குலோத்துங்-
37. கசோழன் திருநாற்காலின
38. இ

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

The year 4[1st] of the reign of the king Rājakesarivarman Kulōttuṅgachōḷadēva
 Ponpari-Udaiyan Araiyan Māvayiratt-oruvan, *alias* Kurukularayan of Amarapurimangalam in the
 Uttamasōḷa-valanādu, a subdivision in the Rājarāja-Pāṇḍi-nādu set up one perpetual lamp in the
 temple of the Mahādēva of Suchindram in Sundarasōḷa-chatur-vēdimangalam of the Nāṇjinādu.
 For (the maintenance of) this lamp, two pans in the salt factory at Vāriyūr *alias* Parākrama-
 chōḷappēraḷam in the Purattāyanādu were purchased and given (to the temple). The pans were
 situated in the section of the factory worked up by Kuḍumban Villiyambalavan, *alias* Irappāyira...
 Chittiravalli. The lamp was to be named the lamp of Kulōttuṅgachōḷan.

(3) இரிதலுற்றிநிதா

(4) Read ளைநாட்டு

R. GUHANATHASVAMIN TEMPLE INSCRIPTION OF MARAVARMAN VIKRAMACHOLA-PANDYADEVA

The subjoined inscription is engraved on the south base of the *ardha-mandapa* of the Guhanathasvamin temple at Kanyakumari. It belongs to the reign of Vikramacholadeva, who, curiously enough, is dubbed in this record with Pandya titles Maravarman and Pandyadeva. The end of the inscription is built in; however, it is not difficult to make out the purport of the document. It records that a merchant of Kanyakumari, Achchan Mairili, who appears to have been conferred the name Pendirundān by the people (?), made a gift of twenty pieces of gold to the temple of Tiruppendisvaram, perhaps built by him and named therefore after him, for offerings to be made to the god of that temple. The tank called the Kōṇṇāḍar-kuḷam in the *dēvadānam* village of Rājarājēsvaram, in the Nāṇjināḍu, got breached during the high floods that occurred in Jayāḷ-gondasolānallūr and remained damaged for some time. The *Perumakkal* of the temple of Rājarājēsvaram utilised the amount paid by Pendirundān to the Tiruppendisvaram temple for repairing the breaches, promising that they would supply, from the paddy grown in the fields watered by the tank, the rice required for the offerings intended by Pendirundān.

Text (1)

1. ஸ்வாமிநீ ||*|| கோமாற பன்மான உடையார் ஸீ விக்கிரம சோழபாண்டிய தேவரு யாண்டு ௨௫௯ ||*|| இராஜாஜய பாண்டிநாட்டு உத்தம சோழவளநாட்டுப் புறத்தா யநாட்டுக் கழிக்குடி இராஜாஜயராஜரத்துப் பெரும

2. திருநெல்யும் செவ்வாய்க்குழைமையும் பெற்ற பூசத்தினன் இத்தேவர் கோயில் முக மண்டபத்துக் கூட்டங்குறைவறக்கூடியிருந்து செய்த ஸ்விாகாரியமாவது ||*|| இன்னாட்டுக் குமரிபாள கங்கைகொண்டசோழபுரத்து விபாபாரி ஆச்சன்மாற்றிலியைத் திருப்பெந்தியூரம் உடையார் கன்

3. நுந்தானென்று நாம் டேயங்குடுத்து இவன் பையிசும்புக்குத் தேடி இத்தேவர் குத் திருவமுதுக்கு உடலாகத் தந்தகாச இருபது ||*|| இக்காச உட கொண்டு இராஜாஜ ராஜரம் உடையார் தேவதானம் நாஞ்சிநாட்டுக் கோலுடர்ஞானம்ஜயங்கொண்டசோழநல்லூர் பெருவெள்ளத்து உடைச்சு உடைஞ்ஞாமய்க்கி

4. ஹைக்குடிக் காலினின்றும் போந்த நேர்கவரை கால்கல்லவும் இக்காசிநுபதுங் கொண்டு செலுத்தி இத்திரப்பிபத்துக்குச் செலவாக இக்குளத்தின் கீள் விளைஞ்சு போகத்திலே இப்பெந்தியூரம் உடையார்க்கு தந்தம் இருநாழி அரிசி திருவமுது இந்நாள்முதல் சந்திராதித்த வல் உடையார்க்குச்செலுந் திருவ

5. முது செலுத்துவிதாக அமைஞ்சோம் இராஜாஜ ராஜரத்துப் பெருமக்களோம் ஆச்சன் மாற்றி ஸியான பெந்திருந்தானுக்கு இப்படியே செலுத்துவிதானாம் இராஜா ராஜரத்துப் பெருமக்களோம் ||*|| தேவகணக்கன் அரையர் குற்றந் எழுத்து . . .

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In the year 29 of the (reign of the) king Maravarman Udayar Vikramachola-Pandyadeva; the *Perumakkal* of the temple of Rājarājēsvaram at Kaḷikkudi in the Puṇattāyanāḍu, a sub-division of the Uttamaśōḷavanāḍu in the Rājarāja-ppāṇḍināḍu, assembled in the *mukha-mandapa* of that temple, on a Tuesday, the (in the month), and the Pushya *nakshatra* and

(1) From inked impressions.

transacted the following business of the *śabha* (assembly) :—The servants of the temple of Tiruppendiśvaram we gave to Achchan Mārili, a merchant of Kumari *alias* Gaṅgaikoṇḍaśōlapuram the required place and he having earned from outside (?), gave a gift of 20 *kāśus* for making offerings to this god. The *dēvadānam* tank called Kōṇḍar-kuḷam situated in the Nāṇjinādu, which got breached on account of the heavy floods at Jayaṅkoṇḍaśōlnalūr and which remained a breached tank, was repaired with these 20 *kāśus* (given by Achchan Mārili) : from the same amount also was repaired the channel called the Nērkavarekkāl, which branches off from that running through (Tā) lakkuḍi. For having utilised this sum (for these repairs) the Perumakkāl of the temple of Rājarājēśvaram bound themselves to supply daily two *nālīs* of rice from the paddy grown in the fields watered by the tank (repaired), to the god at Pendiśvaram. Here the document calls Achchan Mārili, Pendiśvaram. (Hence, the temple of Tiruppendiśvaram must have been built by him.) This is the signature of Araiyan-Kunraṅ, the temple accountant.

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A. SAMBUR—VADAGARAI INSCRIPTION OF MARAVARMAN ARIKESVARADEVA

Since publishing No. VI of the Travancore Archæological Series, containing some later Pāṇḍya inscriptions, a number of others were discovered; of these, the records found in the Mūlasthānēśvara temple at Śāmbūr-Vaḍagarai, the Vindai or Vindaṇūr of the inscriptions, are of importance in elucidating further the relationship existing among the kings of the later Pāṇḍya dynasty. In continuation with those already published, I now edit the collection made subsequently, with head notes to almost all of the inscriptions.

On page 53 of this *Series* I have written, "The next king that is mentioned is Kulaśēkharadēva. Exts. 4 and 5 give S' 1351 as the date of accession of this king; that is, seven years after that of Arikēsari Parākrama Pāṇḍyadēva. . . . In one of the inscriptions, Kulaśēkhara is called Aḷagaṇ-Perumāl (Exts. 2 and 5). . . . As this king succeeded Arikēsari Parākrama, we might suppose that he was the same Kulaśēkhara as the one who completed the front *gopura* left unfinished by Parākrama. This surmise seems to receive corroboration from Ins. V, wherein he is called also Aḷagaṇ. He calls Arikēsari Parākrama his *aṇṇāḷvi*, a term applied to elder brothers in the Tinnevely district. So, Kulaśēkhara might be a brother or perhaps a cousin of Arikēsari. . . . The Pudukkōttai plates, while mentioning Varatuṅgarāma and Śrivalabbha, the donors of that grant, gives the names of another Śrivalabbha and Maṇābharāṇa, without mentioning how they were related to each other and to their successors. In Ins. A edited below, Śrivalabbha, who is said to have been born in the Uttara nakshatra, and who refers to Arikēsari Parākrama as his *aṇṇāḷvi*, thus strengthening our conclusion that the two kings were brothers. Further corroboration comes from the Ins. E. and F. which belong to the reign of Jaṭilavarman Tribhuvana-chakravartin Parākrama Pāṇḍyadēva *alias* Vira-Pāṇḍya who was born in the Avīṭṭa nakshatra (Danishtha), and who is also styled, like Arikēsari Parākrama, *poṇṇiṇ-perumāl*, and which state distinctly that Arikēsari Parākrama Pāṇḍyadēva and Śrivalabbha were the maternal uncles of this prince Parākrama, *alias* Vira Pāṇḍya. Since, as we have seen already, that Śrivalabbha calls Arikēsari Parākrama his *aṇṇāḷvi* he must be the younger brother of the latter. Again, Aḷagaṇ Kulaśēkhara of the Tenkāṣi inscriptions also calls Arikēsari Parākrama his *aṇṇāḷvi*; therefore we have to conclude that he was also another younger brother of Arikēsari Parākrama, or that both Kulaśēkhara and Śrivalabbha were but one and the same person. At present there is nothing to decide whether they both refer to the same person or whether Kulaśēkhara was different from Śrivalabbha.

Again, on page 54 it was surmised that Jaṭilavarman Aḷagaṇ-Perumāl Parākrama-Pāṇḍyadēva might be the son and successor of Kulaśēkharadēva. From the facts gathered from the inscriptions of the Mūlasthānēśvara temple at Śāmbūr-Vaḍagarai, it becomes patent that Parākrama born in the Avīṭṭa nakshatra, though no doubt succeeded Kulaśēkhara, was not, however, the son of that king, but was a nephew, sister's son. The son Parākrama of Kulaśēkhara, mentioned in Ext. 4, must, therefore, be the Parākrama who was born in the Kārttika nakshatra, whose dates range from S'. 1401 to 1421. Here again is seen the case of double rulers exerting sway at the same time. After effecting the necessary changes we might redraw the genealogical table thus:—

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|---|---|--|
| Arikēsari Parākrama-Pāṇḍyadēva, (<i>aṇṇāḷvi</i>). | Śrivalabbhadēva,
<i>alias</i> (?) Kulaśēkharadēva, born in the Uttara nakshatra. | Sister |
| | Parākrama <i>alias</i> Kulaśēkhara, born in the Kārttikai, nakshatra, S. 1301-21. | Jaṭil. Tribh. Parākrama-Pāṇḍya <i>alias</i> Vira-Pāṇḍya, also called Poṇṇiṇ-Perumāl, born in Avīṭṭam, S'. 1395-1428. |
| | | Jaṭil. Tribh. Parākrama-Pāṇḍya <i>alias</i> Śrivalabbha, born in Tiruvāḍirai. 2 + 30 years. |

How and under what circumstances the two nephews of Arikēsari Parākrama came to usurp the throne, whether they were the two brothers Abhirāma Parākrama and Ahavarāma, said to have been born in the family to which Mānābharapa and Śrivalabha belonged, we cannot determine at present. However it is certain that the Pāṇḍya throne went into the hands of the nephews and then to their successors. It is a popular belief in the Pāṇḍya country that the Pāṇḍya kingdom was inherited by the bastard sons of the genuine Pāṇḍyas and the new race of kings began ruling with Tenkāśi as their capital. It is most probable that the usurpation by the nephews of the Pāṇḍyas survives in the memory of the people in the garbled form noted above.

In the introduction to the inscription on the central shrine of the Viśvanāthasvāmī temple edited on pp. 89-95, of this *Series*, it is stated that Arikēsari Parākrama Pāṇḍyadēva established five *agrahāras* of which Vindai was one. All the inscriptions of the Mūlsthānēśvara temple at Śāmbūr-Vaḍagarai call it Vindanūr; the Vindai of the inscription just referred to must be identical with Śāmbūr-Vaḍagarai. Inscription D edited below informs us that the king Arikēsari Parākrama-Pāṇḍyadēva granted house-sites, paddy fields and gardens to 48 brāhmaṇas and established thus an *agrahāra* at Śāmbūr-Vaḍagarai.⁽¹⁾ The same inscription adds that the lands granted to the brāhmaṇas was found to be insufficient to maintain themselves and consequently the king was pleased to make additional grants to enable them to live comfortably.

The inscription A edited below is engraved on the south wall of the *mahāmaṇḍapa* of Mūlsthānēśvara temple at Śāmbūr-Vaḍagarai. It is dated the thirty-second year opposite the second of the king **Māravarman Arikēsavaradeva**. On a Tuesday, corresponding to the fifth of the solar month Karkāṭaka, the fifth *tithi* of the bright fortnight, in the Uttarā nakṣatra, the star of nativity of prince **Śrivalabhadēva**, he granted an additional share of house-site, paddy-land and garden to a brāhmaṇa in the *agrahāra* of Vindanūr; it mentions the donations made previously by the kings *annāḍi* Parākrama-Pāṇḍyadēva and his brother Śrivalabhadēva. I am inclined to believe that Māravarman prefixed to the name Arikēsavaradeva (Arikēsari) is a mistake for Jaṭilavarman; if this supposition is correct, Arikēsavaradeva mentioned in this inscription must be identical with Arikēsari Parākrama-Pāṇḍyadēva and Śrivalabha, was his brother.

A Text⁽²⁾

1. வலவிநீ கோமாறவரதேவரான திருவனவந்திடுகள் காரிகேசரர் தேவசூகு⁽³⁾ யான்ரு இரண்டாவதின் எதிர் முப்பத்து இரண்டா-

2. வது கற்கடக ஞாயற்று அஞ்சாந்தியதியும் வடுவடுவகூத்து வடுவியும் ஹெளவாரமும் பெற்ற நயினர் நீ வல்லலேவர் ஆட்டை-

3. பிறந்த நாள் ஆன உத்தித்து நாள் [1*] விழாதி குமொ குத்து சூழுவாயன⁽⁴⁾ ஸகு குத்து மருகர் நீ வெங்கடநாய லுடனுக்கு குறுமறைநாட்டு விரந்தனா[ர]ான வாரா குடிவானு-

4. ச்சது வேடி மங்கலத்துச் சது வேடி லுட்களுக்கு முன்னர் அண்ணாழி பரா குடிேவர் திருஉள்ளம்பற்றி வைத்த லாம⁽⁵⁾ நாற்பத்து எட்டு [1*] வேடி விருத்தி லாம

5. உ⁽⁶⁾ இரண்டு [1*] ஸவணா⁽⁷⁾ விருத்தி லாம⁽⁸⁾ ஒன்றும் [1*] உடையார் திருமுலத்தானம் உடைய நயினர் லாம⁽⁹⁾ மூன்றும் [1*] ஆக லாம⁽¹⁰⁾ அன்பத்து நாலும் [1*] தம்பி சிவல்லலேவர் குடுத்த லாம⁽¹¹⁾ இர-

(1) Compare II, 8-9 of B. below.

(2) From inked impressions.

(3) Read தேவசூகு

(4) Read சூழுவாயன

6. ண்டம் [I*] ஆக லாமு^௬ அன்பத்து ஆ[று இதனுடன் கூட்டி இ[ற்றை] நாள் தனக்க⁽⁵⁾ உதரவருவது யஉஉஉடானம் ஆக தந்த லாமு^௬ ஒன்றுக்கும் மனை ஒன்றுக்கும் வலிதான இற[இலி ஆகவி] (6)

7. . . . ட்டி இவ்வூர்ப் பெரிய குளத்தின் கீழ்பக்கத்தில்] மூன்றாக் கண்ணாறு மேற்கு [தின்று]ம் சுந்தர பாண்டிய புரத்தில் பெருங்காலுக்கு கி- (7)

8-9.

10. இதில் தெற்கு அடைய நிலம் கீழ்அரைக்காலும் ஆக நிலம் இரண்டு மாவும் கீழ்சிறகில் தெற்குஅடைக் (8) கார^௬ வுசெட்டு நாராய-

11. ண லட்டன் மனைக்கு தெற்கு மனை ஒன்றும் தோட்டமும் தோட்டக்கூறும் மற்று இவ்வகரத்தில் லட்டகளுக்கு ஒத்த வ-

12. ண்ண[ம்] கையாண்டு சந-லவித்துப் போதும்படி கற்பித்துவிட்ட அளவுக்கு இம்மருசாதிபிலே இன்னா முதல் சுவயுதார^௬ ஸனகி புவேராமே கல்வினு-

13. ம் செம்பிலும் வெட்டிக்கொண்டு கையாண்டு அதுல வித்துப் போதவும் பார்[க்*] க [I*] இவை [ரு]க்கூர் உடையான் எழுத்து [I*]

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

In the thirty-second year opposite the second of the reign of the king Maṇavaraman Tribhuvana-chakravartin Arikeśvara-deva, on the fifth of the month Karkāṭaka, which corresponded with a Tuesday, the fifth *tithi* in the bright fortnight, on the Uttara *nakṣatra*, the natal star of Śrivalabhādeva, a house site, [paddy-field] were granted to the brahmana named Śrivenkaṭanātha-bhaṭṭa.

The inscription adverts to the establishment by Parākrama Paṇḍyadeva of an *agrahāra* consisting of fifty-four parts thus:—fortyeight for the Caturvēdi-bhaṭṭas, two for *Veda-vṛitti*, one *Savarṇa-vṛitti* (that of writer of documents) and three for the god of the Mūlasthanā. To these was added one more share by (Parākrama Paṇḍya's brother, Srivalabhadeva).

B, C, AND D. SAMBUR-VADANARAI INSCRIPTIONS OF JATILAVARMAN PARAKRAMA-PANDYADEVA.

The three subjoined inscriptions of the king Parākrama-Paṇḍyadeva are found in the Mūlasthanēśvara temple at Sāmbūr Vaḍagarai. The first is engraved on the north base of the *mahāmāṇḍapa* of the temple. The second, on the south wall of the *mahāmāṇḍapa* and the last on the south base of the same.

The first records the grant of some land to the god Mūlasthanēśvara of Viṇḍanūr, on the day of the Mrigaśira *nakṣatra*, the natal star of the king. It was made in the **twenty-third year, opposite the second of the** reign of the king, **on a Tuesday, the second *tithi*, in the bright half of the solar month Rishabha; this day was the twentieth of that month.** Viṇḍanūr belonged to the Kuṇṇaṇai-nādu.

From the facts that the king is said to have been born in the Mrigaśira *nakṣatra*, and that the signatory to the document is Kidāratṭir-udaiyan, a name which occurs in the other documents of Arikeśari Parākrama Paṇḍyadeva, we may assert that the king is **Arikesari Parākrama-**

(5) Read தனக்கு

(6) Read இறை

(7) From here to the middle of the 10th line a number of numerals expressing the extent of lands are used, hence these lines have been omitted, as they are of no historical value, but difficult to print.

(8) Read அடைய

Pāṇḍyadeva. From the examination of a number of his inscriptions, we learn that this king had been making some sort of gift or other on the star of his birth, *Mrigaśira nakṣatra*.

The second record makes a gift of two additional shares in the *agrahāra* at Vindaṇūr to two more brāhmaṇas. It is dated the **second** year opposite to the **thirty-first**. The gift was made on the **eighth** of the solar month *Dhanu*, which corresponded with the *Paurṇima*, Thursday, and *Mrigaśira nakṣatra*.

The third document is dated the **fourth** year opposite to the **thirty-first**; on the **seventh** of the solar month *Mina*, which corresponded with the **eighth tithi** of the **bright fortnight**, in the *Ayushmān-yoga*, Thursday and *Mrigaśira nakṣatra*, the king, hearing that the lands he granted when he established the *agrahāra* were insufficient for the brāhmaṇas to live upon, granted some more lands in addition to those already granted.

B Text ⁽¹⁾

1. ஸ்ரீஸ்ரீ ||*|| கோச்சடை யுலகிபுரான திருபுவனவிசுவத்திடுகள் ஸ்ரீபாக்கிற்
பாண்டிய தேவற்கு யான்டு இரண்டாவதின் எதிர் இருபத்துமூன்றாவது ||*|| இஷ்டலக்ராயிற்று
இருபதாந்திகையிழம் வடவடவகூத்து ஈவிதிகையும் செவ்வாய்க்கிழமையும் பெற்ற நம்
முடைய பிறந்தநாள் ஆன மிருகபரீஷத்து நாள் ||*|| குருமறைநாட்டு வந்தைனார் (2) ஆன
பாக்கிற் பாண்டிய விதுற்றேதிமங்கலத்து உடையார் திருமூலத்தான நயினற்கு நாம் கற்
பித்த பூசைக்கு இரண்டாவதின் எதிர் இருபத்துநாலா-

2. வது முதலுக்கு வந்தனார் பெரிய குளத்தின் கீழ் தேவதானம் ஆகவிட்ட நிலம்
நாலுமாவுக்கு பலாற்றுக்கு மேற்கு இரண்டாங் கண்ணாறு மேற்கு நின்றுத் தடி பல விட்டு
கிழக்குத்தடி மூன்று நிலம் அரைமாவின் கீழ் எட்டுமா முக்காணியில் கிழக்குத்தடி ஒன்றும்
நிலம் காணியின்கீழ் ஏழுமாவரையும் இதன் காலிடை வடமேற்கு தடி இரண்டு நிலம் அரைக்-
காணியின்கீழ் அரைபேமாகாணியு-

3. ம் இதன் காலிடை தென்கிழக்கு தடி ஒன்று நிலம் காணி முந்திரிகையின்கீழ்
அரையே மூன்றுமா முக்காணியும் இதன் தெற்குத்தடி ஒன்று நிலம் அரைக்காணி முந்திரிகை-
யி[ன்*] கீழ் மாகாணியும் இதன் கிழக்குத்தடி ஒன்று நிலம் காணியின்கீழ் முக்காலே அரைக்கா-
லும் இதன் வடகிழக்குத்தடி இரண்டு நிலம் காணி முந்திரிகையின்கீழ் அரையே மாகாணியும்
இதன் கிழக்குத்தடி ஒன்று நிலம் அரைக்காணி முந்திரிகையின்கீழ் அரைக்காலும் இதன்
தெற்குத்தடி ஒன்று நிலம் காணியின்கீழ்-

4. அரையே மூன்றுமா முக்காணியும் இதன் காலிடை தென்கிழக்குத்தடி ஒன்று நிலம்
அரைக்காணியின்கீழ் அரைக்காலும் இதன் காலிடை வடகிழக்குத்தடி ஒன்று[யு*] நிலம் காணியின்
கீழ் எட்டுமா முக்காணியும் இதன் தென்கிழக்குத்தடி அஞ்சு நிலம் முக்காணி அரைக்காணியின்
கீழ் முக்காலே மூன்றுமா முக்காணியும் குலச்சகரப்பிள்ளையார் தேவதானத்துக்கு தென்-
கிழக்குத்தடி ஒன்று நிலம் அரைக்காணி முந்தி-

5. ரிகையும் இதன் வடகிழக்குத்தடி ஏழு நிலம் முக்காணி முந்திரிகையின்கீழ் அரையும்
அஞ்சாங் கண்ணாறு கிழக்கு நின்றுத்தடி பல விட்டு மேற்கு நின்று நிலம் முக்காணியில் தென்
கிழக்குத்தடி ஒன்றும் நிலம் அரைக்காணியின்கீழ் எட்டுமா முக்காணியும் ஆக நிலம் நாலு
மாவும் இருபத்துநாலாவது முதலுக்கு தேவதானம் ஆக விட்ட அளவுக்கு இம்மரிசாநதியிலே-
யிவ்-

(1) From inked impressions.

(2) Read வந்தனார்

6. வேலை பிடிபாடாககொண்டு சந்திராதித்தவற் செல்ல கல்லிலும் செம்பிலும் வெட்டி இப்பற்றும் தேவதானம் ஆக கையாண்டு பூசையுந் தாமு...நடத்திப்போதவும் பாற்க [||*] இவை கிடாரத்தாருடையான் எழுத்து [||*]

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

In the twenty-third year opposite the second of the reign of the king Jātavarman Tribhuvana-chakravartin Parākrama Paṇḍyadeva, on a Tuesday corresponding to the twentieth of the month Rishabha and the second *tithi* of the bright fortnight, in the Mrigasiṛsha *nakshatra*, the birth-star of his, the king made a grant of land for maintaining the *nṛjā* arranged for being celebrated (daily) to the god of the Mūlasihāna in the Parākrama-chaturvedimāṅgalam.

C

Text ⁽¹⁾

1. ஸுவாமிநீ [||*] பெருமாள் பாசுரமபாண்டி தேவருக்கு யாண்டு ந[௮]க வதின் எதிர் உவது ஸுநராயறு எட்டார் தேதியும் பூணைண்டியும் வழுது[௧]முமயும் ⁽²⁾ பெற்ற ஐ மரீஷுத்து நாள் பாசுரமபாண்டி-

2. ச்சது வேட்டிமங்கலத்து லட்டகளில் இருங்கண்டித் திருவெண்காட லட்ட [௮]பெள ணரீகயாலியார்க்கும் ⁽³⁾ முப்புறத்து ஸவட்டிவலட்டாக்கும் ⁽⁴⁾ குடுத்த லாமம் இரண்டுக்கு குறுங்கானகுளத்தின்கீழ் ஏழாங்கண்ணாறு கரையடி முது-

3. தரி[௪] நிலம் ^(4a) க்கு கிழக்கு [௮] பல நிலம்*] ...^(4a) ம் இவகரத்தில் மேல் சிர- கில் வடக்கடைய மனை இரண்டும் மற்றும் எப்பெற்பட்ட ஸூதனூங்களும் இவ்வகரத்தில் லட்டகளொடு ஒக்க உதகவலிவட்ட யட்டிநாமாககு- ⁽⁵⁾

4. தெத லாமிரண்டுமாவதுதாரா ஸனகிவூவேரீச கல்லிலு ளெழுப்பிலும் வெட்டி அதுவலிப்பாராகவும் பாற்க [||*] இது கிடாரத்தாருடையான் எழுத்து [||*]

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

In the second year opposite the thirty-first of the reign of the king Parākrama-Paṇḍyadeva, on the eighth of the month Dhanu, which corresponded with the Paurṇimā, Thursday, Mrigasiṛsha *nakshatra*, two shares were granted to Iruṅṅiṇḍi Tiruvēṅḡḍalabhaṭṭa Paṇḍarika-yāji and Sacvadēva-bhaṭṭa of Muppuram, residents of Parākrama-Paṇḍya Chaturvedimāṅgalam.

D

Text

1. ஸுவாமிநீ [||*] கோஜபிலுவட்டாரான திருவனவூருவத்திடுக[ள்] பெருமாள் பாசுரமபாண்டிய டேவருக்கு யாண்டு முப்பத்தொன்றாவதின் எதிர் நாலாவது நீநாயற்று ஏழாந்தியதியும் வலிவட்டவசுத்து ஸவட்டியுமாயுஷாநேராமும் ஸுஹஸ்தி வாரமும் பெற்ற நம்முடைய

(1) From inked impressions.

(2) The letters மு are engraved below the line.

(3) The letter ற in யார்க்கும் is engraved below the line.

(4) The letter ஸ in ஸவட்டி is engraved below the line.

(4a) Here there are a number of numerical symbols which are difficult to be printed.

(5) The secondary & symbol in மாக is engraved below the line

2. பிறந்தநாளான சூரியஷ்டம்து நாள் குறுமறைநாட்டு பெருமான்குமான பாசுமபாணியுதுவெழி மங்கலத்துதுதுவெழி ஸ்டிகள் பேர் நாற்பத்தெட்டுக்கு வாழை நாற்பத்தெட்டும் வேடிவுரத்தி வாழை இரண்டும் ஸவனவுரத்தி வாழை ஒன்றும் நாயிநார் பூழ்மல-

3. ஸ்ரீநாமுடைய நாயினர் தேவதானம் வாழை மூன்றும் ஆக வாழை ஐம்பத்து-நாலுக்கு நாம் முன்னுள் வாழை ஒன்றுக்கு காருக்கு முக்காணி நிலமும் பசாநத்துக்கு இரண்டுமொ நிலமும் சேர உழகற்பித்து இதுக்குக் கல்லும் வெட்டுவித்துக் குடுக்கையில்

4. இவர்களுக்கு இது கொண்டு விவடாஹை [வா]தபடி ஆலே இன்னுள் முதலுக்கு காருக்கு ஒருமா நிலமும் பசாநத்துக்கு இரண்டுமொ நிலமும் சேர உழுதுகொள்ளும்படியும் கர்பித்து தண்ணீரும் விரந்தனார் பெரிய குளத்தின் கீழ்

5. நாயிநார் பூழ்மலஸ்ரீநாமுடைய நாயிநார் வாழை மூன்றும் உட்பட நிலம்ஐம்பத்து-நாலுமாவுக்கு இவர்கள் இக்குளத்திலும் காலிலுண்ணீர் நாலத்தொன்றும் பாச்சிக்கொள்-ளும்படியும் ஸந்தாபாணியு புரத்தில் பெரிய-

6. குளத்தின் கீழ் இவர்களுக்கு விட்ட சிலம் [ஐம்]பது ஓ இவர்களும் இக்குளத்திலும் காலிலும் தண்ணீர் அஞ்சில் ஒன்று பாச்சிக்கொள்ளும்படியும் குறுங்கான குளத்தின் கீழ் பேர் இண்டுக்கு விட்ட சிலம் நாலுமாவுக்கு சில விழுக்காட்டிலே

7. தண்ணீர் பாச்சிக்கொள்ளும்படியும் அந்த அந்தக் குளத்தின் கீழ் அண்ணவேலையும் குளவேலையும் தண்ணீர் பாச்சிற் விழுக்காட்டிலெடுத்து போதும்படியும் கற்பித்த அளவுக்கு இவர்கள் இம்மரியாதியிலே இவோலை பிடிபாடாகக் கொண்டு கல்லிலும்

8. செம்பிலும் ஆவடிதாரம் ஸாத்திபூவோலே கையாண்டு சதுபவித்துப் போக-வும் பாற்க [||*] இது கடாரத்தார் உடையார் எழுத்து [||*]

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

The fourth year opposite the thirty-first of the reign of the king Jaṭilavarman Tribhuvana-chakravartin Parākrama-Pāṇḍyadeva, on the seventh of the month Mina, which corresponded with a Thursday, the eighth *tiṭhi* of the bright fortnight, Āyushamān-yōga and Mrigāsīra nakṣatra, the natal star of the king; some time previously, the king granted to 48 *chaturvēdi-bhāṭṭas*, 48 shares; one share for Vēda-Vṛiti and three to the God of Mūlsthāna and one to the scribe, thus making fifty-four; for each share was granted three *kāṇṭis* of land for the *kār* crop and two for the *paśānam* but it was found that it was insufficient for their maintenance and consequently one *mā* for *kār* and two *mās* for *paśānam* were granted in addition to those already given. These lands were to be watered from the big tank of Vindaṇṇūr, the big tank of Sundara-Pāṇḍyapuram and the tank named Kuṇṇigānakkūḷam, in the definite proportions specified.

E AND F. SAMBŪR—VADAGARAI INSCRIPTIONS OF PARAKRAMA— PANDYADEVA ALIAS VIRA-PANDYADĒVA

The first of the two inscriptions published below is engraved on the north wall facing the west of the *mahāmaṇḍapa* of the Mūlsthānēśvara temple at Sambūr-Vadagarai; the second, on the north wall of the *mahāmaṇḍapa* of the same. They are both written in Tamil characters and are well preserved.

The first records that the king Jaṭilavarman Tribhuvana-chakravartin Parākrama-Pāṇḍyadeva alias Vira-Pāṇḍya, the nephew of Ariṅṅesari Parākrama-Pāṇḍyadeva and Śrīvallabha, granted shares in the *agrahāra* of Vindaṇṇūr, otherwise known as Parākrama-Pāṇḍya-chaturvēdimāṅgalam,

to two brāhmaṇas, Kumāra-Gōvinda-bhaṭṭa and Kurōvi Nārayaṇa-bhaṭṭa. Herein mention is made of the establishment originally of the *agrahāra* by 'uncle' Parākrama-Pāṇḍya and augmented to later on by the gifts of his brother, 'uncle' Śrivalabbha. It is dated the **fifth year opposite to the second of the reign of the king**; the exact date of the record is the **fourteenth of the month of Tūlā, corresponding to the second tithi of the bright fortnight, Thursday, Anurādha nākshatra.**

The second is dated the **same year**, but the date was the **fourteenth tithi of the dark half of the month of Kumbha, Sunday, and Avitta (Dhanishṭha) nakshatra.** This **nakshatra** was the star in which the king **Vira-Pāṇḍya** was born. The king made on this day a grant of an additional share in the *agrahāra* of Vindaṇūr to Vaṅgippuṇattu Kārimāra-bhaṭṭa. In this inscription also the donations made by the brothers Parākrama-Pāṇḍya and Śrivalabbha are detailed.

E Text

1. வுலிபூ ||*|| கோஜிமுவஜுரான கிஹுவனவிக்ரவத்திகுள் பொன்னின் பெருமன்
2. பாசும பாணுஜேவரான வீரபாண்டியுடேவர் நம்யாண்டு இரண்டாவதின் எதிர்
3. அஞ்சாவது துலாஞாயற்று மசுவயும் வசிவசுவகூத்து அத்தியபும் வுஹவூ திவார-
4. மும் பெற்ற அனிழத்துநாள் மௌதஜமோசுத்து சுவஸூ வசிசுத்து [செட்ட போசை]
5. குராமமோவிந் லடனுக்கும் லாமரவாஜமோசுத்து சுவஸூ வசிசுத்து குரோவி நா-
6. ராயணலடனுக்கும் குறுமறைநாட்டு விரகனூரான வராகுரபாணுஜுவேஷி மங்கலத்துச் சது-
7. வேஷி லடனுகு முன்னாள் நயிநார் பாசுமபாணுஜேவர் திருவுள்ளம் பற்றிக் குடுத்த லாமஜ் நாற்பத்து எட்டு.
8. ஜ் வேஷுவர்த்தி லாமஜ் உம் ஸவனாஷுவர்த்தி லாமஜ் கம் உடையார் திருமுல லானம் உடைய நயிநார் லாமஜ் நம்
9. ஆக லாமா நுமசம் பின்பு மாமடி ஸூவலு டேவர் இதனுடன் கூட்டினிட்டலாமா உம் மாமடி அரிகேஸூர-
10. டேவர் கூட்டினிட்ட லாமா கம் ஆகலாமா அன்பத்து ஏழு ||*|| இதனுடன் கூட்டி இற்றனாள் இவர்களுக்கு நாமடிகவயி.
11. வுயுஷ்டாநகராக் குடுத்த லாமா இரண்டு [*] மனை இரண்டு [*] லாமா இரண்டுக்கு விட்டுக்குடுத்த நிலமாவது இவ்வூர்
12. பெரிய குளத்தின் கிழ் பலாற்றுக்கு மேற்கு காலங் கண்ணாறு மேற்கு தின்றும் கரைக்கு கிழக்குதடி
13. பலதிறப்புக்குக் கிழக்குத்தடி முன்று [*] நிலம் காணி திறப்பு [*] இதுக்கு கிழக்குதடி பல நிலம் இரண்டு மா ||*||
14. குரோவி நாராயண பட்டனுக்கும் இதன் கிழக்குத்தடி பலநிலம் இரண்டு மா [*] இதுக்கு கிழக்கு எல்லையாவது

15. பழ்சேரித்திடலுக்கு தென் மேற்குதடி இரண்டு [I*] நிலம் காணியின் கிழெட்-
மொ முக்காணி [I*] இதில் மேற்-
16. க்கடப நிலமரைக்காணி முந்திரிகையின் கிழாமாக்காணி புன்பட இதன் தெற்கு
திருவிட-
17. யாட்டத்துக்கு மேற்கு நிலம் இரண்டுமொ [II*] செட்ட போசைக்குமார மொவி
02 லுடனுக்கும் ஆக
18. இதன் தெற்கு எல்லை முன்றாக் கண்ணாற்று வடக்கு வரப்பு வடவெல்லை திருவி-
டையாட்ட-
19. ததுக்கு தெற்கு கிழக்கோடிநக்கோடின) காலுக்கு தெற்கும் ஆக இன்னான்கெல்-
லைக்குள்ப்பட்ட
20. நிலம் நாலுமாவும் மனை இரண்டுக்கு மேலவைச்சிறகில் வடதலையில் உறுப்புட்-
டர் யஜுதாரா-
21. யணலுடன் மனைக்கு தெற்கு மனைபொன்றும் தோட்டமும் குமாரமொவி
02 லுடனுக்கும்
22. கிழைச்சிறகில் மருநகூர் பூவேங்கடநாலுடன் மனைக்கு தெற்கு மனை ஒன்றும்
தோட்டமும்
23. நாராயணலுடனுக்கும் ஆமலாமுட இரண்டும் மனை இரண்டும் தோட்டமும் தோட்-
டக்கூறும் மற்றும்
24. இவ்வகரத்தில் உண்டான வலஉவூபுராவிகளும் நாம்லுட்களுடன் வாங்கி இவர்
களுக்குக்குடுத்த அளவுக்கு
25. லுட்களுக்கு ஒத்த [ம]ரிபாதியிலே இன்னான் முதல் சூவஜூராதாநுட ஸனதி
பூவெரமே கல்லிலும்
26. செம்பிலும் வெட்டிக்கொண்டு கையாண்டு அனுலவித்துப் போதும்படி கற்பித்துக்-
குடுத்த
27. அளவுக்கு இப்படியே கையாண்டு அனுலவித்து க்கொள்ளுவாராகவும் பாற்க [II*]
இப்படிக்கு இவை
28. கருவூர் பொன்பற்றி உடையான் எழுத்து [II*]

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

The year five opposite the second of the reign of the king Jaṭilavarman Tribhuvana-chakra-vartin, the precious king (*poṇṇin-perumāl*), Parākrama-Pāṇḍyadeva *alias* Virā-Pāṇḍyadeva; on the fourteenth of the month Tūḷa, which corresponded with the second *tithi* of the bright fortnight, a Thursday and the Aṇḷa-nakṣatra (Anūrādhā), the king granted a share to Ṣeṭṭapōṣai Kumāra-Gōvinda-bhaṭṭa of the Gautama gōtra and Apastambha-sūtra and another to Kurōvi Nārāyaṇa-bhaṭṭa of the Bhāradvāja Gōtra and Apastambha-Sūtra, in the *agrahāra* of Vindaṇūr *alias* Parākrama-Pāṇḍya-chaturvēdi-maṅgalam, in the Kuṟumaṇai-nāḍu in addition to the 48 shares granted to brāhmaṇas, 2 for Vēdavṛitti, 3 for the god of Mūlasthāna and one to the scribe granted in the past by the uncle Parākrama-Pāṇḍya (*i.e.* Arikēsari) of the king, Parākrama-Pāṇḍya *alias* Virā-Pāṇḍya, which was augmented by 2 more by uncle Śrīvallabhadēva and then by one by uncle Arikēsvara, thus making the total shares 57. With these, the two fresh shares were now granted by the king to the persons already mentioned above.

19. க்கூறும் மற்றும் இவ்வமரத்தில் உண்டான ஸமவஸூராவூதிகளும் ஓம்வட்டகளு-
டன் வாங்கி இவனுக்கு குடுத்த அளவு-
20. க்கு வட்டகளுக்கு ஒத்த மரியாதையிலே இன்னான் முதல் சூவநூதாரடி வனதுதி
பூராவஸமே கல்லிலும் செம்பிலும் வெட்டு
21. டிகொண்டு கைப்பாண்டு அதுவலித்து போதும்படி கற்பித்துக் குடுத்த அள
வுக்கு இப்படியே கைப்பாண்டு
22. அதுவலித்து கொள்ளவாருநாகவும் பார்க்க [||*] இப்படிக்கு இவை கருவூர்
பொன்பற்றி உடையான் எழுத்து [||*]

G. SAMBUR-VADAGARAI INSCRIPTION OF PARAKRAMA PANDYADEVA

This inscription is engraved on the north wall facing the *mahāmāṇḍapa* of the *Mūlāsthānēśvara* temple at *Sāmbūr-Vaḍagarai*. It is dated the 5th year opposite to the 2nd of the reign of *Jaṭilavarman Tribhuvanaśaḥakravartī* *Perumāḷ Parākramaḍēva* and records that two more shares were added to the *agrahāra* of *Vindanūr* by the king, granting them to two *brāhmaṇas*. It recounts the shares granted by 'uncle' *Parākrama Paṇḍyadēva* (*Arikēsari*), when he established the *agrahāra*. In specifying the sites granted for the two houses, the inscription states that one was situated south of the house of *Uruppuṭṭūr Yajñanārāyaṇabhaṭṭa*. We know from Ins. I, published below that *Yajñanārāyaṇabhaṭṭa* received his share in the year 2 plus 3 of the king *Srivallabha*, born in the *Tiruvāḍirai naḥshatra*. Therefore, the year 2+5th of *Parākrama Paṇḍya* must be later than 2+3rd of *Srivallabha* and therefore, it looks likely, that both the brothers *Aḷagaṇ Perumāḷ Parākrama* and *Parākrama* born in *Tiruvāḍirai* might have ruled simultaneously.

G Text

1. வவூதின [||*] கோஜடிவவஜ்ஜரான சூவவனவூவூத்திகள் பொன்னின்
பெருமான்
2. பாகூம பாணுஜெவர் நம்பாண்டு இரண்டாவதின் எதிர்
3. அஞ்சாவது [||*] துவாளுபந்து யசையும் வலிவூவ கூத்து அநியயும்வூவூவ
திவா-
4. மும் பெற்ற அனிழத்து நான் [||*] மௌதஜமொசூத்து சூவவனவூவூதி சூத்து
[செட்டபோசை]
5. குளாமொவிஷவூவூக்கும் லாராஅஜமொசூத்து சூவவனவூவூதி சூத்து
குரோவிநா-
6. நாயன ஹூவூக்கும் குறுமறை நாட்டு வீந்தனூரான வராகூஜ வரணூவூது
வெடிமங்கலத்துச் சது-
7. வெடிவூவூதிகளுக்கு முன்னர் நயிநார்வராகூஜவரணூஜெவர் திருவுள்ளம் பற்-
றிக்குடுத்த லாமடி நாற்பத்து எட்டு-
8. டு வெடிவூத்தி லாமடி உம் வவணூவூத்தி லாமடி கம் உடையார் திருமுல-
லானம் உடைய நயினர் லாமடி கம்
9. ஆக லாமடி ஓய்சம்பின்பு மாமடி ஸ்வவூவூஜெவர் இதனுடன் கூட்டினிட்ட
லாமடி உம் மாமடி அரிகேரூர

10. ஷேவர் கூட்டிவிட்ட லாம^உ கம் ஆக லாம^உ அன்பத்து எழு [||*] இத-
னுடன் கூட்டி இற்றனன் இவர்களுக்கு நாம் டிகவா^உவ^உ

11. வ^உ ய^உடி^உத^உந^உக^உ குடுத்த லாம^உ இரண்டு மனை இரண்டு லாம^உ இரண்டுக்கு
எட்டுக்குடுத்த நிலமாவது [I*] இவ்வூர்

12. பெரிய குளத்தின் கீழ்பலாற்றுக்கு மேற்கு நாலாங்கண்ணாறு மேற்கு நின்றும்
கரைக்கு கிழக்குத்தடி-

13. பலதிறப்புக்குக் கிழக்குத்தடி மூன்று நிலம் காணிதிறப்பு [I*] இதுக்கு கிழக்குத்தடி
பலநிலம் இரண்டு மா [||*]

14. குரோவி நாராயணபட்டனுக்கும் இதன் கிழக்குத்தடி பலநிலம் இரண்டுமா [I*]
இதுக்கு கிழக்கு எல்லையாவது

15. பட்டி^உ சேரித்திடலுக்கு தென்மேற்குத்தடி இரண்டு நிலம் காணியின் கீழெட்டுமா
முக்காணி [I*] இதில மேற்-

16. க்கடய நிலமரைக்காணி முந்திரிகையின் கீழாறு மாக்காணியுன்பட இதன் தெற்கு
திருவிட-

17. யாட்டத்துக்கு மேற்கு நிலம் இரண்டு மா [I*] செட்டபோசைக் குமாரமோவி-
டி லு^உக்கும் ஆக

18. இதன் தெற்கு எல்லை மூன்றாங்கண்ணாற்று வடக்குவாப்பு [I*] வடவெல்லை திரு-
விடையாட்ட-

19. தலுக்கு தெற்கு கிழக்கேக்காடிந(க்கோடி)ன காலுக்கு தெற்கும் ஆக இன்னுன்.
கெல்லைக் குன்பட்ட

20. நிலம் நாலுமாயும் மனை இரண்டுக்கு மே^உலைச்சிறகில் வடதலையில் உறுப்புட்டுர்
யஜகு நாரா-

21. யணா^உலு^உன் மனைக்கு தெற்கு மனையென்றும் தோட்டமும் குமாரமோவி^உ
லு^உக்கும்

22. கிழைச்சிறகில் மருங்கூர் ஸீ வேங்கடநா^உ லு^உன் மனைக்கு தெற்கு மனை ஒன்றும்
தோட்டமும்

23. நாராயண லு^உக்கும் ஆக லாம^உ இரண்டும் மனை இரண்டும் தோட்டமும்
தோட்டக்கூறும் மற்றும்

24. இவ்வகா [த*] தில் உண்டான வர^உவ^உபுரா^உவிகளும் நாம் லு^உகளுடன் வாங்கி
இவர்களுக்குக்குடுத்த அளவுக்கு

25. லு^உகளுக்கு ஒத்த [ம]ரியாதியிலே இன்னுள் முதல் சுவ^உகு^உதார^உ வன^உதி
பு^உவேர^உமே கல்லிலும்

26. செம்பிலும் வெட்டிக்கொண்டு அனுபலிவித்துப் போதும்படி கற்பித்துக்குடுத்த

27. அளவுக்கு இப்படியே கையாண்டு அனுபலித்துக் கொள்ளுவாராகவும் பாற்க [||*]

* இப்படிக்கு இவை

28. கருவூர் பொன்பற்றி உடையான் எழுத்து

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

The king Jaṭilavarman Tribhuvanaśaṅkaraḥ Pōṇṇi-Perumāḷ Parākrama Pāṇḍyadēva grant-
ed a share each in the *agrahāra* of Vindaṇūr *alias* Parākrama Pāṇḍya Caturvedimaṅgalam, to

Kurōvi Nārāyaṇabhaṭṭa of the Bbaradvāja *gotra* and Āpastambha *sūtra* and to Setṭapōsai Kumāra Gōvindabhaṭṭa, of the Gautama *gotra* and Āpastambha *sūtra*, on a Thursday, the 14th of the month Tūla, which corresponded with the 2nd *tithi* of the bright fortnight and the *nakṣatra* Anūrādhā, in the 5th year opposite the 2nd of the reign of the king. Here the document narrates the details of the shares granted originally by the founder and the subsequent additions made to them by his brother Srivallabha. Then follow the details of the lands granted on the present occasion and their boundaries. The extent of land granted to each one was 4 *mās*. The house-site given to Kumāra Gōvindabhaṭṭa was in the west row, north end, south of the house of Yajñanārāyaṇabhaṭṭa; that given to Nārāyaṇabhaṭṭa, was in the east row, south of the house of Maruṅgūr Venkātānāthabhaṭṭa. The donees are enjoined to get these grants engraved on stone and copper and enjoy them with all the rights with which other shareholders enjoy. At the end occurs the signature of the officer, Poṇṇarri-udaiyāṇ of Karuvūr.

H. SAMBUR-VADAGARI INSCRIPTION OF ALAGAN-PERUMAL PARAKRAMA PANDYADEVA

The subjoined inscription is engraved on the east wall of the *maṇḍapa* in front of the Amman shrine in the Mūlasthanēśvara temple at Śāmbūr-Vaḍagarai. It is dated the 9th year opposite the 2nd of the reign of the king Alagan-Perumāḷ Parākrama Paṇḍyadeva, the elder brother of Parākrama Paṇḍya, born in the Tiruvādirai *nakṣatra*, the donor of the gift mentioned in the document under consideration, (See the Genealogical table given on page 251 above). This year, on a Friday, the Śatabbisha *nakṣatra*, the 2nd of the (solar) month Tūla, which corresponded with the second *tithi* of the bright fortnight, the prince Parākrama Paṇḍya born in the Tiruvādirai *nakṣatra* granted some lands to the Śrivaishṇavas of the temple of Alagiyaṁaṇavāḷapperumāḷ at Vindaṇūr, for the performance of the mid-day *pūja* to that god. The temple of Viṣṇu mentioned herein is, at present, situated at a distance of a mile south-west of the village of Śāmbūr-Vaḍagarai and is surrounded by the ruins of a mud fort. This site is now known as the Vindaṇūr-kōṭṭai. This must be the fort that is mentioned in the inscription, when it gives the boundaries of the land granted. The following places are mentioned in the record:—Alagiyaṁaṇavāḷa-ppēr-eri, Vindaṇūr in the Kuṟumaṇaiāḍu, Pañcha-Pāṇḍava-ppaḍukkai-poṟṟai, Āykkuḍi, and Kaḍayam. There is still a large tank near the ruined fort and this is perhaps the Alagiyaṁaṇavāḷa-ppēr-eri. Vindaṇūr, the village in former times, must have extended as far south as the present Vindaṇūr-kōṭṭai. There is at a distance of 1 mile from the village of Āykkuḍi, a craggy hill in which there is a natural cave with stone beds in it; this natural cave is still known as the Pañcha-Pāṇḍava-ppaḍukkai. This name seems to have been given to it even in the days of our inscription. Āykkuḍi is a flourishing *agrahāra* of brāhmaṇas, who are mostly of the Sāmaveda school. It is on the way from Tenkāśi to Śāmbūr-Vaḍagarai. The Kaḍayam mentioned in our inscription cannot be the Railway station of that name, as it is far away from Āykkuḍi, whereas, the town of Kaḍayanallūr might be identified with it as the latter happens to be near Āykkuḍi.

H Text.

1. வுஷி [II*] கொஜபிற வடிபராந திருமாவந வுசுவதிடிகள் அண்ணழ்வி அழகன்பெருமான் வராசூர வாணுஜேவற்கு யாண்டு இரண்டாவதின் எதிர் ஒன்பதாவது [II*] துவாளுயிற்று இரண்டாந்தியதியும் வசிவசுஷ்த்து அாடிசியும் ஸாகுவாரமும் பெற்றசகைபத்து நாள் [II*] திருவாதகா நாட்பிறந்த வராசூர வாணுஜேவர்
2. என்று பேர் உடைய நாம் குறுமறை நாட்டு விந்தநூர் நயினர் அழகிய மணவாளப் பெருமான் நயினா [ர்] திருப்பதி ழி வைவ்வர்களுக்கு இந்நயினற்கு உச்சந்திருவாராதனைக்கு

திருவிடையாட்டம் ஆகவிட்ட இவ்வூர் ஓட்டின குளம் ஆன அழகிய மணவாளப் பேரேரிக்குப் பெருநாளுக்கு எல்கையாவது [*]

3. கீழ் எல்கை பெரியகுளத்தில் நீர்நக்கலுக்கும் கோட்டைக்கும் மேற்கு [*] தென் எல்கை சேங்குளத்துக்கும் ஆய்க்குடிக்கும் போறவழிக்கும் வடக்கு [*] மேல் எல்கை பஞ்சபாண்டவர்கள்படுக்கை பொற்றைக்கு கிழக்கு [*] வடஎல்கை கடைபம் பொழுலப்பற்றுக்கும் பெரிய குளத்தில் நீர்நக்கலுக்கும் தெற்கு ஆக இன்னாங்கு எல்-

4. கைக்குட்பட்ட நன்னாச புஞ்சை மாவடைப்பட்டடை கொடித்தோட்டம் மற்றும் எற்பேற்பட்டவிலைவாசிகளும் திருவிடையாட்டம் ஆகக்கையாளும்(ப்) படியும் கற்பித்து இந்த குளத்தில் பற்றிலே நம்பு செந்தாமரைக் கண்ணாற்றுக்கு சூவுதி ரவிரித்தியாக குடுத்த நிலம் ஒருமாவும் திருவாழி . . . மக்காணி ஆட் . . .

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

In the 9th year opposite the 2nd of the (reign of the) king Jaṭilavarman Tribhuvanachakravartin Alagaṇ-Perumāḷ Parākrama Pāṇḍyadēva, on a Friday, the 2nd of the (solar) month Tūlā, which was the 2nd *tithi* of the bright fortnight of that month, in the Śatabhishā *nakṣatra*, Parākrama Pāṇḍyadēva born in the Tiruvādirai *nakṣatra*, (the younger brother of the king), granted land to the Śrivaishnavas living in the quarters where stood the Viṣṇu temple, of Alagiyaṇaṇavāḷapperumāḷ-nāyṇār, situated in the village of Vindaṇūr in the Kurumaṇaiṇāḍu, for performing the mid-day *pūja*. The land granted was near the Alagiyaṇaṇavāḷapper-eri near this village and its four boundaries were:—on the east, the lands watered by (?) the large tank and the fort; on the south, the way leading to Seṅgulam and Aykkudi; on the west, the Pañcha-Paṇḍava-ppadukkai-porrai and on the north, the villages of Kaḍayam and Pomulapparru (?), and the lands, watered by the large tank. All the wet and dry lands, the betel gardens etc., shall be farmed by the Śrivaishnavas and enjoyed by them till the sun and the moon endure. A *mā* of land was granted to Sendamaraikkannu, the *pūjārī* for his maintenance.

I. SAMBUR-VADAGARAI INSCRIPTION OF JATILAVARMAN SRIVALLABHADEVA

The following inscription is engraved on the south wall of the *mahāmaṇḍapa* of the Mūlas-tānēśvara temple at Sāmbūr-Vaḍagarai. It is dated the 3rd year opposite to the second of the reign of the king Srivallabhadeva, born in the Tiruvādirai *nakṣatra*. We saw in Ins. H, edited above that the younger brother of Alagaṇ-Perumāḷ Parākramaḍēva was also born in the same *nakṣatra*, but bore the name Parākrama. Srivallabha of the present inscription calls Parākrama (Arikēsari), the founder of the *agrahāra* of Vindaṇūr, his uncle (*māmaḍi*). Hence, he must also be a brother of Alagaṇ-Perumāḷ Parākrama, and being born in the same *nakṣatra* as Srivallabha, I am inclined to take them both as identical; in other words, Parākrama born in the Tiruvādirai is the same as Srivallabha, (see the genealogical table given on p. 251 above). The inscription records that the king Srivallabha granted two additional shares in the *agrahāra* of Vindaṇūr to two brāhmaṇas. The village of Vindaṇūr is here called also by the name of Perumāḷ-agaram. The date of the inscription is a Friday, the 30th of the (solar) month Kanni, the seventh *tithi* of the dark fortnight and the *nakṣatra* Tiruvādirai (Arudrā).

I

Text

1. ஸ்ரீஸ்ரீ [*] கோஜபிடுவட்டாராந திருவ வடவகுந்ரவர்த்தி [*] கள் ஸ்ரீ
[வறுல]பெவர் நம்மாண்டு உவதின் எதிர் [ந] வது

J. SAMBUR-VADAGARAI INSCRIPTION OF JATILAVARMAN KULASEKHARADEVA

The inscription edited below is engraved on the south wall of the Jamadagnésvara temple at Kalāṅgāḍu, near Tenkāśi. It is dated Saka 1416, which corresponded with the 15th year of the reign of the king Jatilavarman Tribhuvanachakravarti Perumāḷ Kulasekharadeva. On a Friday, the 10th of the month Mina, the 10th *tithi* offortnight and the *nakshatra* Pushya, the king made a grant of land and money to a brāhmaṇa for performing the *pūja* in the temples of Tiruvakkisvara and Gaṇāśa at the village of Kilaṅgāṭṭūr. The document bears at the end the signature of Koḍumaḷūr-uḍaiyāṇ, the officer whose name occurs in several documents of the kings Ativirarāma, Varatuṅgarāma and Śrivalḷabha, but since the date of this record is S' .1416, which falls in the reign of an earlier king, the Koḍumaḷūr-Uḍaiyāṇ mentioned here might be different from the person figuring in the later inscriptions. About the time of the epigraph under consideration there lived a Kulasekhara who was born in the Kārttigai *nakshatra*, and whom I have tentatively taken to be the son of Kulasekharadeva, the brother of Arikēsāri Parākrama Pāṇḍyadeva. The present record might be assigned to his reign, which extended from S' .1401 to 1421. We have seen that this prince must also have ruled simultaneously with his cousin Alagaṇ Parākrama (the sister's son of Arikēsāri Parākrama, who usurped the throne). It is not quite clear how the two above named Pāṇḍyas with Śrivalḷabha, the brother of the latter, could have ruled at the same time and what territorial jurisdiction they had, etc. Anyhow their inscriptions dated from S. 1385 to 1428 are found in the reign of one or the other of the three kings.

The village of Kilaṅgāṭṭūr mentioned in the inscription is the same as Kalāṅgāḍu in the enclave belonging to Travancore, and situated near Tenkāśi and Seṅgōṭṭāḷ.

J Text ⁽¹⁾

1. ஸகாஷ்டி ௨௬*] தகராடுகால் ஸுததி (2) ஸு கொஜபிடு வஜ்ஜாராந [திருவ]
வன (2a) வகூ(ற) வத்தி கன் பெரு-
2. மாள் குலசேகர தேவற்கு யாண்டு பதினஞ்ச ஆவது மீன ஞாயற்று பத்தாந்தியத*]-
யும் கதத்து ௨ [ஸ*] தி-
3. ஸமகூவாஸமும்பெற்ற பூசத்துநான் காஸுவஸோ துத்து (3) வொயாய நவமி-
துத்து இளைய நயினன் தண்-
4. டைதந்த [சு]வாமி பட்டனுக்கு வடவாரிநாட்டுக் கிளாங்காட்டீர் உடையார் திருவக்-
கீச்சாழுடையி (4) நயினர்-
5. கோயிலும் இவ்வுற்பிள்ளையார் கோயிலும் நம்பும் தேவகன்மமும் காணி ஆட்சை
ஆக மாதம் நாள்முப்பது வட்ட-
6. மும் பூசத்து நான் ஒன்றுக்குக்கு . . . யில் சோறும் நாள் ஒன்றுக்குப் புண்-
ணியாவாகத்து நெல்லு இருநாழியு-
7. ம் அரிசிகாழியும் மாதம் ஒன்றுக்குப் பணம் இரண்டு கோட்டை இரண்டு ஆகவும்.
பற்றிப் போதும்படி கற்பித்து இன்னாட்டு இவ்-

(1) From inked impressions.

(2) Read வஹி

(2a) A symbol for the compound *tribhū* is employed.

(3) Read காஸுவஸோ துத்து

(4) Read ஶுடைய

8. ஆர்ப்பற்றில் இன்றயினர் தேவதானமான வடக்கிங்கால் புரளில் இறையிலிக்கு ஒரு-
மாவரை நிலமும் குடி மகன் ஓடு கட-

9. மையும் வாங்கிக்கொள்ளும்படியும் கற்பித்து இதுக்குக் காணிக்கை ஆகத்தாம்*]
கற்பித்த [பணம்] (5) ஞாநு [|| *]

10. இப்பணம் அஞ்ஞாற்று அன்பதும் அறைக்கு முதலாக ஒடுக்கி காணியூட்(ச்)சை
ஆக்கையாளு-

11. ம்படி கற்பித்துவிட்ட அளவுக்கு இம்மரிஆதிதே பூசித்துச் சோறும் உடைமையும்
இறை-

12. யிலியும் பற்றிக்கொண்டு ஆசந்திர*] தாரவற்(ச்)சந்ததிப் பிறவேசமே காணியூட்-
(ச்)சை ஆக க-

13. ல்லிலும் செம்பிலும் வெட்டிக் கையாண்டு கொள்ளவும் பாற்க [|| *] இவை கொடும-
ளுநுடையான் எழுத்து உல உல

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

In the Śaka year 1416, in the 15th year of the king Jaṭilavarman Tribhuvanachakravarti Perumāḷ Kulaśekharaḍēva, on Friday, the 10th of the month Mina, which corresponded with the tenth *tithi* of . . . fortnight and the *nakṣatra* Pushya, the king granted to ḷaiya-nayināṇ Tanḍai-tanda-svāmibhaṭṭaṇ, of the Kāśyapa *gōtra* and the Bōdhāyana *sūtra*, the following:—for performing the thirty days' *pūja* on ordinary days and one extra on the day of the Pushya *nakṣatra*, to the gods Tiruvakkisvara and Gaṇeśa at Kīlāṅgāṭṭūr, rice, 2 *nāḷis* of paddy and one *nāḷi* of rice for *pūnyāvāna*, two *paṇams* and two *kōṭṭais* of paddy per mensem: for which he granted one *mā* and a half in the *dēvatāna* land named Vaḍakkil-kāl-puravu belonging to this god (Tiruvakkisvara), as also the rent due from the tenant. To acquire this land the king paid a sum of 550 *paṇams*, which were paid in the temple treasury and the *kāṇiyāṭchi* right was conferred upon the aforesaid person, who is directed to take possession of the land and to enjoy with all rights from generation to generation doing the *pūja*. May this document be committed to writing on stone and copper. At the end is the signature of Koḍumālūr-Uḍaiyāṇ.

K. SENGOTTAI INSCRIPTION OF KULASEKHARA ALIAS PARAKRAMA PANDYADEVA

The following is found on the north wall of the *maṇḍapa* in front of the Vishnu temple at Sengōṭṭai. The end of this record is damaged, but then the purport of the inscription could be made out from the existing fragment. It belongs to the reign of Kulaśekharaḍēva alias Parākrama Paṇḍyadeva, son of Abhiramā Parākrama Paṇḍyadeva. In the year 1467 of the Śaka era, which corresponded with the 3rd year of the reign of the king, on a Friday, the 11th *tithi* of the dark fortnight of month, and the *nakṣatra* Uttara, the *Vyāṭipāta* (?) *yōga* and the Simha-karapa, the king granted some land to the temple of Kulaśekharaṇṇagar Emberuman at the village of nāyaka-Chaturvēdi-maṇḍalam.

The Chaturvēdimāṇḍalam referred to in the inscription is no other than the present Sengōṭṭai.

K Text

1. ஸமமுதவம [|| *] வரவதி ஸ்ரீ [|| *] ஸமவ [|| *] கவிநாமிந்ரகமய பூஜிவ
கொஜபிவவஜ்ஜராந ச்ரீமவநவகுவர்த்தி கோநேரிந்மை] கொண்டான் ஸ்ரீ பெரு-
மான் கவிநாமி வராசுர வராணு

(5) An abbreviation is used for the word *paṇam*.

2. ஷெவர் நந் நராந கானுசெகர ஷெவராந வரா குஷவாணு ஷெவற்கு
யாண்டு சகாஷ்டீ தசாசுடு என் [மேல்] மூன்றாவது விஸாவஸு வருஷம்
3. சவரவக்ஷத்து னகா ஷஸியும் சா குவாரசு உவவா தியொடமுஷ்ட
விஹகரணாஷு பெற்ற உத்திரத்து நாள் தென்னுரிநாட்டு
4. நாடிகுஷுதா வெடுதி உக்கலத்து நயினர் குலசேகரவிண்ணகர் எ [ம்பெ] ருமா-
னுக்கு திருவிடையாட்டம் பாட்டமாக்ககு
5. கைக்கு முறைக்கு நாம் மேற்படியார் அஞ்சாலியில் மேல் ந்தவிர்த்-
துக்குறித்த நிலமாவது மேற்படி நாட்டு மே

L. KALANGADU INSCRIPTION OF PARAKRAMA PANDYADEVA SAKA 1470

On the north wall of the Jamadagnésvara temple at Kalāṅgāḍu is written this very ill-spelt document. It belongs to the reign of **Parākrama Paṇḍyadeva**, son of Abhirāma Parākrama. It is **dated S'. 1470**, which corresponded with the **6th year** of his reign. This year the prince Abhirāma-varman, the son of Tirunelvēlpperumāl made a gift of land for a festival.

The reigning king is Parākrama, the first son of Abhirāma Parākrama; whereas the donor appears to be Abhirāma *alias* Varatuṅgarāma, but then he is the son of Parākrama and not, as is stated in the record, of Tirunelvēlpperumāl. The mistake is quite in keeping with the very faulty language in which the document is drawn up. Kilāṅgāḍūr, it is said, was situated in the Vaḍa-
vāriṇādu.

L Text ⁽¹⁾

1. ஸாலுஷு || * || சகாதம் தசாஸுடு சவத்தி ஸ்ரீ (2) கோச்செழுவன்மரான
திறிபுவனச்சுக்கு-
2. நவத்தி [க] . னே . ர்மை கொண்டமன் (3) [ஸ்ரீ] பெருமாள் (4) . து[வி?]ரம் பராக்கி-
ரம் பாண்டி தே[வ*]ரான
3. நந்தனரான [ஸ்ரீ] பெருமாள் (5) பைராகிரம் பாண்டிய தேவா(ர)்கு இயாண்டு
சு?வது திலக ஹு மாகி
4. [உடுள்] தெயிதியும் பூறுவ ப[க்]த்தில் ஏகாதேசியும் சக்கிரவாரமும் [டுயட்டு]மான
(6) பேர-
5. கழும் லுவு (7) கரணமும் பெற்ற உத்திராடத்தினுள் [ஸ்ரீ] பெருமாள் திருநெல்வே
லிப்பெருமாள்-
6. ரான தனனரான (8) சவிராம வன்மரான* நாம் வடவாரிநாட்டு கிளாங்காட்டுர்
உடையார் திருவக்கிசரமுடைய நயினற்கு
7. விளாபுசை க நாள் ஒன்றுக்கு அமுதுபடி முன்னுழி ஆகவும் கரிபமுது உப்பு அமுது
மிளகு அமுது நெய் அமுது

(1) From inked impressions.

(2) Read ஸ்ரீ

(3) Read கோனேரின்மை கொண்டான்.

(4) Read அபிராம பராக்கிரம் பாண்டிய தேவர் நந்தனரான

(5) Read பராக்கிரம்

(6) Read ஆயுட்மான

(7) Read லுவு

(8) Read திருநெல்வேலிப் பெருமாள் நந்தனரான அ.வி.ரா.ம.

8. தேங்காய் சர்க்கரை⁽⁹⁾ பழம் இலையுழுது அடை(ய்)க்காய் அழுது சாற்றுப்படி (சாறுப்-
படி) தாவி⁽¹⁰⁾பம்(?) எண்ணைக்காய்-
9. வெண்டி⁽¹¹⁾னாகம்⁽¹²⁾ ஆக இது வகை படிவேண்டும் படிக்கு நாம் தேவதானம் பாட்-
ட(ம்)மாக விட்ட வட்ட* வாரிநா
10. அலை⁽¹³⁾ யும் தெற்கும் நபுரவ [ந]லங்கண்ணுறு தடி முன்று
நிலம் அரைக்காணியும்
11. கண்ணுறு தடி ரிவு நிலம் காலே அரைக்காலே அரைக்காலும் ப.த.
தாங்ச(?) தடி
12. ாணி முந்திரிகையின் அரையும் தடி ஒன்று நிலம் முந்திரிகையின் ஆறுமாக்க
13. [யில்] அடு . . . [திருவிளக்குன்⁽¹¹⁾] எண்ணை பஞ்சா அமுதத்து⁽¹²⁾
14. ஒன்று களாங்காட்டுரீர் தென்பனூரால் எங் கண்ணுறு தடி (ஒன்)
15. ஒன்று நிலம் காணி அரைக்காலும் தடி ஒன்று நிலம் அரைக்காணி அரைக்காலும்
இவை⁽¹³⁾யும் எட்டாவ
16. ாணியும் தடி⁽¹⁴⁾ ஒன்று [நிலம்] முந்திரிகையின் காலும் தடி ஒன்று நிலம்
17. முந்திரிகை அரைக்காலும் நிலம் ஒன்று நிலங்கின் ஆறுமாக்காணி
18. [வி]ரபாடு எர்ப்பபட்டும் . . . வரி⁽¹⁵⁾(ல்)லா⁽¹⁶⁾* கணக்கிலும் . . . வி . . . த்து
தேவதானம்

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

In the Śaka year 1470, the 6th year of the reign of Parākrama Paṇḍyadeva, son of Abhirāma Parākrama, on Friday, the 21st of Māsi, in the year Kilaka, which corresponded with the 11th *tithi* of the bright fortnight, in the Āyushman yōga and Bhava karaṇa, the nakshatra Uttarāṣāḍha Abhirāmavarma, son of Tirunelvēliperumāl granted for the celebration of a festival, land six *mās* and a *kāṇi* in extent. Out of this the following expenditure was to be incurred:—Rice for offering, 3 *nāḷis*; vegetables, salt, pepper, ghee, cocoanuts, sugar, plantain fruits, betel leaves, betel nuts, sandal paste, oil, curry stuffs, etc., required for the day's expenditure should be purchased. A pañchāmrita abhishekam was to be performed on the day of the festival.

M. SAMBUR-VADAGARAI INSCRIPTION OF KULASEKHARA ALIAS PARAKRAMA PANDYADEVA. SAKA 1471

The following is engraved on the east wall of the *mahāmāṇḍapa* of the Mūlasthānēsvara temple at Sāmbūr-Vadagarai, and belongs to the reign of **Kulaśekhara, alias Parākramadeva**, son of Abhirāma Parākrama. It is **dated the Śaka 1471**; this year the king made a grant of some land to the god Abhimuktisvara at Viṇḍaṇūr, *alias* Perumāl-agaram or Parākrama Paṇḍya Chaturvēdi-maṇḍalam. The king is said to have been born in the *Āsvati nakshatra*. The record is incomplete.

M Text ⁽¹⁾

1. ஸ்வஸ்தி⁽²⁾ [|| *] கோஜமுவ⁽³⁾ ராந தி⁽⁴⁾ ஸுவந⁽⁵⁾ வ⁽⁶⁾ தி⁽⁷⁾ கோநேர்மை கோ-
ண்டான் சலிரா⁽⁸⁾ பராசு⁽⁹⁾ரபா-

(9) Read சர்க்கரை

(10) Read வெஞ்சனம்

(11) Read திருவிளக்கின்

(12) Read பஞ்சாபிரதத் துக்கு

(13) From inked impressions.

2. ண்டுசெவர் நந்நராக குலேசேவர டேவராய வராகுடவாணு தேவற்கு யாண்டு ஸகரா-
 3. வட துசாஎடுகல் மேல் செல்லாநின்ற ஸௌஜு ஸாவசுஸரத்து டகநினாயநத்-
 4. துஸரஜேதுவில் துலாராவி டுநுடபும் வடுவடுவ சுடித்து வெளநெண்டபும் ஸா-
 குவாரஜு ஸால-
 5. யாமழம் விரிவகரணமும்பெற்ற சுஸுதி நகசு சூத்து நாள் சுவிராஜ வரா-
 குடவாணு டே-
 6. வற்கு நந்ந சுஸுதி நகசு சூத்து ஜாதாராக திருநெல்வேலிப்பெருமான[ர*]ய நாம் குறு மறை-
 7. நாட்டு வந்தனாராக பெருமானக[ர]மான பராகுட பாணுவதுவெடி டாகலுத்து உடையார் சுவிஜ-
 8. கீஸரமுடைய ந[ம்] நயினு(க்)கு தேவதானமாகக் குடித்த [மேற்படி] (2) நாட்டு [மேற்படி] (2) ஊர் பெரியகுளத்தின் கீழடி மேட்டி ம-
 9. டை பற்றில் நயினுக்கு குடித்த ந[ம்] கண்ணாற்று (3) கிழக்கு நின்றும் தடி பல நிலத்துக்கும் வடமேற்கு தடி (4)
 10. [இதன்] (5) தெற்கு தடி (4) [இதன்] (5) நாலாங்கு கண்ணாற்று (3) வட-
 மேற்கு (4) [இதன்] (5) மேற்கு தடி (4) [இதன்] (5) மேற்கு
 11. தடி [இதன்] (5) தென் எல்லை வடமேற்கு தடி (4) [இதன்] (5) தெற்கு தடி (4) [இதன்] காலிடை வடமேற்குத்-
 12. தடி (4)
 13. . . . [இதன்] (5) தெற்கு தடி (4) ஆக சுட் கண்ணாற்று (3) மேற்கு நின்றும் [தடி] (6) பல நிலத்துக்கு கிழக்கு
 14. . . . (4) நுகண்ணாற்று (3) கிழக்கு நுகண்ணாற்றின் (3) பகுதிக்கு வடக்கு தடி (4) [இதன்] (5) காலிடை வடமேற்கு தடி (4) [இதன்] (5) கிழக்கு த-
 15. டி (4) [இதன்] (5) தெற்கு தடி (4) [இதன்] (5) வடக்கு தடி (4) [இதன்] (5) தென் கிழக்கு தடி (4) [இ-
 16. தன்] (5) வடகிழக்கு தடி (4) [இதன்] (5) கிழக்கு தடி (4) [இதன்] (5) வடக்கு தடி (4) [இதன்] (5) கிழக்கு தடி
 17. . . . (4) [இதன்] (5) கிழக்கு தடி (4) இதன் மேற்கு அடையவா ன அங்கண்ணாற்று (3) (4) கிழக்கு நின்ற
 18. தடி நுகண்ணாற்று(3)க்கு மேற்கு தடி (4) [இதன்] (5) மேற்கு(க்)கு தடி (4) [இதன்] (5) தெற்கு தடி (4) இதன் கிழக்கு தடி
 19. . . . (4) [இதன்] (5) வடமேற்கு தடி (4) [இதன்] (5) வடமேற்கு தடி (4) ந[ம்] கண்ணாற்றுமேற்கு தடி நின்றும் தடி பல நிலம்]

(2) Here a symbol for மேற்படி is used.

(3) A symbol of கண்ணாறு is here employed.

(4) Tamil numerals expressing land-measures are employed here ; since, printed types for these could not be got, they are omitted in the transcript.

(5) An abbreviation for இதன் is employed here and in subsequent places.

(6) An abbreviation for தடி is employed here.

20. . . (4) க்கு தெற்கு தடி (4) [இதன்] (5) வடக்கு தடி (4)
[இதன்] (5) வடகிழக்கு தடி (4) [இதன்] (5) கிழக்கு தடி (4) ஆக
21. (4) இன்னிலம் அஞ்சுமாவுக்கும்

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

In the Śaka year 1471, Saunhya, in the Śararitu, on Friday, the 15th of the month Tulā, which corresponded with the Paurṇimā of the bright half (of that month), in the Saubbāgya-yōga and the Simba-karaṇa, and the *nakshatra* Āśvati, in the reign of the king Jaṭilavarman Tribhuvanachakravartī Kōṇēriṃmaikōṇḍāṇ Kulaśekhara, *alias* Parākrama Pāṇḍyadeva, son of Abhirāma Parākrama Pāṇḍyadeva; Tirenulvēlpperumāl, (another) son of Abhirāma Parākrama Pāṇḍyadeva, who was born in the Āśvati *nakshatra*, granted to the god Abhimuktiśvara at Vindaṇūr, *alias* Perumāḷ-agaram or Parākrama Pāṇḍya Chaturvēdimaṅgalam, in the Kuṛumaṇaiṇāḍu, the following pieces of land :— (Here follow a list of lands and their extent). Thus the total of five *mās*.

N. KALANGADU INSCRIPTION OF KULASEKHARA ALIAS PARAKRAMA PANDYADEVA

The following inscription is engraved on a stone set up in front of the Jamadagnśvara temple at Kaḷāṅgaḍu. It belongs to the 7th year of the reign of the king Jaṭilavarman Tribhuvanachakravartin Kōṇēriṃmaikōṇḍāṇ Kulaśekhara *alias* Parākrama Pāṇḍyadeva, son of Abhirāma Parākrama Pāṇḍyadeva. In the Śaka year 1472, (cyclic year) Sadhāraṇa, on Thursday, the 25th of the month Tulā, which corresponded with the full-moon in the bright fortnight, in the Vyāghāta-yōga, Simha-karaṇa and *nakshatra* Uttaraśbhāḍha, Piriyaḍāṇ, *alias* Parākrama Pāṇḍya Tonḍaimān, *alias* Cheṇ....ḍikkādēvar of Tōvāḷai, otherwise known as Edirvilliśōḷapuram, was, at the instance of Aḷagaṇ-Perumāḷ, son of Tirenulvēlpperumāl, appointed the hereditary accountant of the temple of Sri Vakkiśvara at Kiḷāṅgātṭūr.

The king mentioned herein is the first son of Abhirāma Parākrama and the Aḷagaṇ-Perumāḷ is the famous Śrivalḷabba, *alias* Ativirarāma Pāṇḍya, son of Tirenulvēlpperumāl. The name Edirvilliśōḷapuram is the vulgar form of Ediriliśōḷapuram. Tōvāḷai is the southernmost frontier station of the Travancore State.

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1. ஸாலஉழா || *|| ஸீ வகீ கீசநாயனா ஸுலொஜ்யதி ஸாவநடி ஸு-
வழிா விசிடுரொயாயுட்ட
2. லகீஉதி ஸுடாயகடி சூழிவனெ ஸுராஜெயடி || *|| ஸகாஷடி சூயிரத்த
நா நூற்று எழுப-
3. த்திரண்டின்மேல் செல்லாநின்ற வுவினீ கோடடிவெடிநாந சிவாவநவ-
சுவதீ திகோனே-
4. ரிமைகொண்டான் சவிராஉ வராகுஉ வர *|| னுடிவநடி நராந கரு-
ஸெவா டெவராந வரா *|| குஉ-
5. வாணுடிவற்கு ய[ர *] ண்டு எழாவது வராயாரண வராஷடி துறா
நாயற்று இருபத்தஞ்சாந்தேதியும் வலிவடி-
6. வகஷத்தா வெளனெடியாடி மாராவாரடி வுரவா[த *] யோமடி
விலிஹகரணமும் பெற்ற உத்திரட்டாதி நாஹீ

7. தோவானையான எதிர்வில்லிசோழபுரத்து பிரியாதான் பராக்கிரம பாண்டியத் தொண்டமான்
8. சென்...டிக்காதேவ[ரி]க்கு நம் சூலயத்த[சு]க்கு தானக்கணக்கு காணியாழ்சையாக கல்பித்து நங்-
9. குமாரன் திருநெல்வேலிப் பெருமாள் நன[ர]ராந அழகன் பெருமாள் ஓலைவாவிடு கையில
10. நானது முதலுக்கு நம் ஆலயத்துக்கு தானகணக்கு காணியாழ்ச்சையாக எழுதி கொண்டு கண-
11. க்குக்கு நான் ஒன்றுக்கு பிசாழ (?) நாழியாக[வும்] மாதம் ஒன்றுக்கு கோட்டை முக்காலாகவும் ஆக..பவந்-
12. பெற்றுக்கொண்டு இன்னுள் முதலுக்கு நம்முடைய முதலுண்டானதுக்கு கணக்கும் எழுதிக்கொண்டு
13. சூலபுர[ர]வசு வனகதி புவெயசெ கல்லிலும் செம்பிலும் வெட்டிகை யாண்டு கொள்ள-
14. வும்சூழிவனெயுரநு எழுத்து

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

In the Śaka year 1472, (cyclic year) Śādharaṇa, which corresponded with the 7th year of the reign of the king Jaṭilavarman Tribhuvana-Chakravartī Kōṇērimaikōṇḍaṇ Kulaśēkharadeva, *alias*, Parākrama Paṇḍyadeva, on Thursday, the 25th of the month Tūlā, which was also the full-moon *tithi* of the bright fortnight, in the Vyāghāta-yōga, Śiṃha-karaṇa and Uttarāśāḍha *nakṣatra*, Aḷagaṇ-Perumāl, son of Tirunelvēlpperumāl nominated one Piriyādāṇ otherwise known as Parākrama Paṇḍya Tōṇḍaimaṇ Chēṇ . . . ḍikkāḍēvar of Tōvāḷai, which was known also as Edirvillīśōḷapuram, as the accountant of the temple of Tiruvakkīśvaram; a note to that effect was despatched to the temple and the man nominated was appointed to the same. He was to receive (in remuneration) one *nāli* of rice daily and three quarters of a *kōṭṭai* of paddy per mensem; with this income he should, also his descendants, continue writing the accounts of this temple as long as the moon and the stars endure.

●. SAMBUR-VADAGARAI INSCRIPTION OF KULASEKHARADEVA ALIAS PARAKRAMA PANDYADEVA

On the south wall of the *maṇḍapa* in front of the central shrine of the Sundararāja-perumāl temple at Vindaṇūr-kōṭṭai near Sāmbūr-Vadagarai is engraved the following inscription, which is damaged at the end. It belongs to the reign of the king Jaṭilavarman Tribhuvana-chakravartī Kōṇērimaikōṇḍaṇ Kulaśēkharadeva, *alias* Parākrama Paṇḍyadeva son of Abhirāma Paṇḍyadeva and is dated the 7th year of his reign, which corresponded with the year 1472 of the Śaka era and the cyclic year Śādharaṇa. This year, in the Uttarāyana, on Monday, the 19th of the month Mithuna, which was also the second *tithi* of the bright fortnight, in the Vyāghāta-yōga, Śiṃha-karaṇa and *nakṣatra* Punarvasu, Aḷagaṇ-Śokkaṇ, otherwise known as Sundarattōḷḍaiyāṇ, of the Kauśika-gōtra and Bōdhāyana-sūtra, who was one of the Kōḍu-kula (?) *sabha*, was nominated the hereditary accountant of the temple of Gōvindarāja-ppperumāl, at Vindaṇūr, by Tirunelvēlpperumāl, son of Abhirāma Parākrama Paṇḍyadeva and who was born in the Aśvati *nakṣatra*. The appointment carried with it a pay of threefourths of a *paṇam* and threefourths of a *kōṭṭai* of paddy per mensem.

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Text

1. ஸாநக ஸ்ரீமஹாஜி ஷேவாநாடி நேனாவிநாநொவநாவிதடி விநாவாநீ
உமாவிலொமொடிவிநாஜ சாஸநடி [||*] சகாஸ்தி தசாஸநெல் மேல் செல்லா-
நின்ற ஸ்ரீமஹி ஸ்ரீ கொஜடிந வஜ்ஜராந திருலுவநதவகுவதிது கோநேர்மை
கொண்டான்

2. சலிராஜவராசுஜவாணுஷேவர் நடிநராந நடி கஜாரநது கருசெக
ரஷேவராந வராசுஜவாணுஷேவற்கு யான்ஷெழாவது ஸாயாரண வதுரது
உத்த [ராய] நத்தம் [லிமா]ந ரவி ஷக் தேதியும் வலிவதுவகத்தம் விதியையும்

3. ஸொஜவாரமும் ஸ்வாவாதயொமமும் வரிஷகரணமும்பெற்ற வுனர்
வரிசத்த நாள் கோதுகுல ஸலெஸாரிஸ் கௌசிக மொதுது ஸொயாய
ஸரிதுது அழகியசொக்கன்னி சுந்தரத்தோளுடையானுக்கு நம் வீட்டுக்கு நம்குணக்கு

4. காணி ஆள்க்கை ஆகக்குடு*]த்து மாதம் ஒன்றிக்கு பணம் முக்காலும் கோட்டை
முக்காலும் [அ]சலுக்கு ஓக்க
. களம் குடுக்க கற்பித்து நம் கஜாரநது சலிராஜவராசுஜ வா-
ணுஷேவர் நடிநராந [அ] ஸுதி

5. நகதுத்து ஜாதராய பெருமான் . . . திருநெல்வேலிப் பெருமான் ஓலை நம் காரி-
யம் பார்க்கும் கோனேரி ஒப்பி கணக்கு க . . . யனும் நம் தானிகர் .
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P. SAMBUR-VADAGARAI INSCRIPTION OF TIRUNELVELIPPERUMAL. SAKA 1474

The inscription published below is engraved on the south base of the *mahāmāyāra* of the Mūlasthānēśvara temple at Sambūr-Vadagarai. It belongs to the reign of Tirunelvelipperumāḷ alias Dharmapperumāḷ Kulasekharadeva and is dated the year opposite the second of his reign. This year corresponded with the Saka 1474; in this year, the king appointed one Sokkaṇ Kaṇḍiya-dēvaṇ to the hereditary accountantship of temple of the Mūlasthānēśvara at Vindaṇūr. The inscription begins, in the second line, with the later Pāṇḍya 'introduction', beginning with *bluvan-ēkavira*.

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Text

1. ஸ்ரீயாயு நெதது ஸததது ஸஜவ்ஸாநநேனாவிவி? கிரிமுலநாத சிவசம்போ
ஜயதி சாசுவதம் சாதனம் ஆதிவண்டேசவாஜெயது சகாஸ்தி

2. தசாஸநெல் மேல் செல்லாநின்ற ஸ்ரீமஹி ஸ்ரீ ஸுவநெகவீரந துகுரு பூஜிவ
யொநாஜவெநது ஜயந்தமங்கல புரவாய்ஸுர [ஷேஜாவாந] நாரவரிஷ கௌ-
ஷத-

3. மோடிவாகர வொஜ வரிஸு[ஸ்டவாநது] தேவப்பிரமணஸூவநாலாயு
சங்கித ஸாஸிதஸூவாஸுபூம கோச்சடிவன்மராந

4. திருலுவநதவகுவதிது கோநேர்மை கொண்டான் அபிராம பராக்கிறம் பாண்டிய
ஷேவர் நந்த[ந*]ரான திருநெல்வேலிப் பெருமான்-

5. ன தன்மப்பெருமாள் குலசேகரதேவர்கு ஆண்டு [உ]வது எதிர் பரிதாபி [சம்வத்-ஸரத்து] தெச்சினுபரத்து சூருதுவி[ல] கந்திரவி ரூஉ [யும்] அபரபக்கத்தில் து-
6. தியுயும் மந்தவாரமும் புணர்சூசும் பிராமயோகமும் [வராக கரணமும் பெற்ற] புநர்சூசத்து நாள் நம் ஆலய*]த்து [இர]ண்டா[ந்]குடி சொக்கன் கண்டியதேவனுக்கு கீழ்] தேவகன்மிக[ண]க்கு காணி
7. யாட்சையாக கற்பிக்கும்படிக்கு நம் குமாரன் தன்மப்பெருமாள் குலசேகரதேவன் நம் வாசல் காரியம் நயினன்னும் நம் ஆலயக்கணக்கு] செண்பகராமக்குட்டிக்கும் தானிகருக்கும்
8. ஓலை வரவிமிகையில் நம் ஆலய*]க்கணக்கு ஒத்தவண்ணம் உடைமையும் சோறும் மற்றும் உண்டான சு[வ]ந்தாங்களும் நாளது முதலுக்குப்பற்றிக்கொண்டு காணியா-
9. ட்சையாக சந்ததி விறவேசமே செம்பிலும் சிலையிலும் வெட்டி கையாண்டு கொள்-ளவும் இப்படிக்கு ஆலயக்கணக்கு செண்பகராமக்குட்டி எழுத்து [|| *]
10. சூழிவ[னெ]யாநு எழுத்து [|| *]

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

In the Śaka year 1474, in the year opposite the 2nd of the reign of the king Jaṭilavarman Tribhuvanachakravartī Kōṇerīmaikondāṇ Tirunelvelipperumāḷ, otherwise known by the names Dharmapperumāḷ and Kulasekharadeva, which corresponded with the cyclic year Paridbhāvi; in the Śaraṇitu, on a Saturday, the 5th of the (solar) month Kanni, which was also the second *tithi* of the dark fortnight, and *nakṣatra* Punarvasu, Brāhma-yōga and Varāha-karāṇa, Śokkaṇ Kaṇḍiyadēvan being recommended by the king to the place of the hereditary accountants under the *dēvakarmis* of the temple of Mūlasthan and was appointed, on the same conditions as the other accountants. He is ordered to get the rice, etc., perquisites belonging to the appointment, and continue himself, as also his descendants, as accountants as long as the moon and the stars endure.

Q. SAMBUR-VADAGARAI INSCRIPTION, OF TIRUNELVELIPPERUMAL. SAKA 147

The following damaged inscription, which is also incomplete is engraved on the east wall of the *maṇḍapa* of the Sundararājapperumāḷ temple at the Vindanūr-Kōṭṭai. It belongs to the year opposite the 2nd of the reign of the king Tirunelvelipperumāḷ *alias* Dharmapperumāḷ Kulasekharadeva, son of Abhirāma Parākrama Paṇḍyadeva, which corresponded with the śaka year 1474. The date, as also the portion containing the subject matter of the inscription, is lost.

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Text

1. னதசு ஸ்ராவணி ஷேவாநாடி ஷேவாவிஜாநொவ(டு)நாநி(ரா)தடி விநாவா ரீடி உலாவிஷே-
2. னா மொடிவிநராஜ ஸாவமடி [|| *] ஸகாஷடி தசாஎடுசல் மேல் செல்லா நின்ற ஸவதி ஸீ.....
3. கொஜபிற வடிநாந [தி]ல [வ]நவசுவதிடி கோ நேர்மை கொண்டான் சுவி[நாந வ*]நாசூஉ வாணுஷேவா(ரா)ந-
4. நடிநாந தடி கூஉரான் திருநெல்வேலிப் பெருமாள் தன்மப்பெருள் குலசேகர தேவர்கு

5. ஆண்டு இரண்டாவதின் எதிர் வாரியாவி ஸ்ட்ரீவதூரத்து ஸரணீதுவில்.

6. வீதி

R. SAMBUR-VADAGARAI INSCRIPTION OF THE REIGN OF ATIVIRARAMA SRIVALLABHA. SAKA 1487.

The subjoined inscription is engraved on the east wall of the *mahāmāṇḍapa* of the Mūlasthanēśvara temple at Sāmbūr Vadagarai. It is dated the Śaka year 1487, which was also the third year of the reign of the king Ativirarāma Śrīvallabhadeva. In the year Krōḍhana, in the Uttarāyana, the Hēmantā-ritu, on Thursday, the 6th of the month Makara, the thirteenth *tithi* of the bright fortnight, the Mahēndra-yōga and Varāha-karāṇa and *nakshatra* Mṛgaśīrṣhā, one Irākudapperumā, alias, Kallapirāṇ Sivala-kkāliṅgarāyaṇ was appointed as the accountant of the Sribhāṇḍāram, etc., of the temple of Mūlasthanēśvara at Viṇḍanūr, by the order of the king.

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Text**

1. ஸகாயபுஜேதக ஸததத ஸஜஹ ஸுரரோஹி? ஸ்ரீ உதிநாப ஸிவ
ஸஜோ [ஜ]யதி ஸாஸ்தத ஸாவ-
2. நத சூழிவனெஸுரரஜேயத | ஸகாஷத தசாஅனெல் மேல் செல்லாநின்ற
ஸஹி ஸ்-
3. [ஸுவ]நெகவீர வதூகூறு ஸுஜீவ உஸுராஜ(ர)ஹேநு ஜயகோமறு
ஸுர[ர]யீஸுரகேஜாவஸுர
4. நாரஸிஹகொஹ த[ஜோ]ழிவாகர வெ[வாஹி]கூ வடவாநறு
ஜெவஸுரஹணஸுர-
5. வநாவாயு ஸாஜீத ஸாவஹித ஸாவத ஹஜெ கொஜடிஹ வஜுராந
திஸுவநவசுவதி-கோநே-
6. ர்[மை] கொண்டான் திருநெல்வேலிப் பெருமாள் வீரவெண்பாமாலைபான் தன்மப்-
7. பெருமாள் குலேசேகரதேவர் னந்தநார அழகம்பெருமாள் அதிவீராமனான ஸ்ரீ
வ-
யு
8. ஹஜெவசு க்கு ஆண்டு முன்றவது க்ரோயந ஸாவதூரத்து உத்தராயந்தது
ஹஜகே-
9. துவில் உகரஸூயிற்று ஆருந்தேதியும் வதிவசுஷத்தது குயொஹரியு
ஸுஹ[ஸு]திவாரஸு, ஜா-
10. ஹநுயொமஹ வராஹகரண[மும்] பெற்ற ஜுமஸீஷுத்தது நாள் உல
குசிந்தாமணி வளநாட்டு கிடாரத்-
11. து இராக்குதப் பெருமாள் கள்ளப்பிரான் சீவலக்காலிங்கராயனுக்கு சேண்டார்க்க-
12. னாக்கும் திருவாழி[யும்] கண்காணியும் திருமாலையும் காணியாட்சையாக கற்பிக்கும்படி-
13. க்கு நம் குமாரன் அழகம்பெருமாள் அதிவீர[ராமனான] ஸ்ரீ வனுஹஜெவநு
நம் வாசல் காரியம் நயினு-

14. [ஹக்கு]ம் தானக்கணக்கு சொக்கன் கண்டியதேவனுக்கு[ம்] தானிகருக்கும் ஒலை வரவிடுகையில் சீபன்-

15. டாக்கணக்குக்கும் திருவாழிக்கும் கண்காணிக்கும் திருமாலேக்கும் மற்றும் அற்ற-படி உடை-

16. மையும் சொத்தும் மற்றுமுண்டான சுதந்திரங்களும் இதுமுதலுக்கு பற்றிக்கொண்-

17. டெகணக்கும் எழுதிக்கொண்டு திருவாழி கண்காணி திருமாலையும் செய்துகொண்டு காணி-

18. யாட்சையாக ஆச ஐதராடி வண்கி ஸ்ரவெ[ஸுமே*] செம்பிலும் சிலையிலும் வெட்டிக் கைய்யான்-

19. டெகொள்ளவும் குறிவினே ஸ்ரநநு எழுத்து

S. AND T. KALANGADU AND SAMBUR-VADAGARAI INSCRIPTIONS OF ATIVIRARAMA PANDYADEVA. S. 1489 AND 1492

The two following inscriptions which record the appointments of temple officers are found in Kalāṅgāḍu and Sāmbūr-Vaḍagarai respectively. The one is engraved on the east wall of the *mahāmaṇḍapa* of the Jāmadagnēsvara temple at Kalāṅgāḍu, while the latter is found on the north wall of the *mahāmaṇḍapa* of the Mūlasthānēsvara temple at Sāmbūr-Vaḍagarai. At the beginning of the first is a Sanskrit verse written in the Tamil and the Grantha characters in the most faulty manner; the rest is in plain Tamil prose. It records that one Śikailāyam-uḍaiyaṅ, *alias*, Maṇattiru Vāṇādarāyaṅ of Ulaguchintāmaṇi-vaṇaṇḍu was appointed to the accountantship of the temple of Jāmadagnēsvara at Kilāṅgāḍūr by the king, Ativirarāma Paṇḍyadeva. It is dated the Śaka year 1489 which was also the 5th year of the reign of the king Alagan Perumāi, *alias* Srivallabhadeva and Ativirarāma Paṇḍyadeva, the son of Tirunelvelipperumāi Kulasekhara-deva and grandson of Abhirāma Parākrama Paṇḍyadeva. The appointment took effect from Friday, the 24th of the month of Arpaśi, which corresponded with the 7th tithi of the bright fortnight, the Simha-karaṇa and Pushya nakshatra.

The second record is dated the Śaka year 1492, the cyclic year Pramoduta, which was also 8th year of the reign of Ativirarāma Paṇḍyadeva. On Monday the 25th of the month Kanni in the Dashināyanam, which corresponded with the 11th tithi of the bright fortnight, in the Simha-karaṇa and Subhayoga and the nakshatra Pushya, Tirumēniyalāgiyaṅ, *alias*, Taṇḍaikkāla Brahmādarāyaṅ of the Kāśyapa gōtra and Bōdhāyana Sūtra was appointed to do the thirty days' *pūja* in the temple of Mūlasthāna; the appointment was made by the king himself. As in the previous document the king's father's name is given and it is preceded by the usual later Paṇḍya 'introduction' beginning with *bhuvanēkavira*.

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Text

1. ஸௌலஹை[||*] பாத்திபுல சஞ்வி விருத்திராம்
2. சூர்க்கிறவத்திபு[யு]நலாரிணா அஹாச
3. திருவக்கிணீராவூ ஸ்ரமேசவையாபி சால-
4. நம் ஆதிகண்டேஸ்வரரஜேசுபம் [||*] சகாவட்ட ந-
5. சாடியுசில் மேல் செல்லாதின்ற வுவிழி பூ புவ-
6. நேகவீர சகலகுணஸ்டபன்ன ஆகவாமன-
7. ஐநகேரனா தமோதிவாகா சோளவந்து வ-

8. டவாநல ஸாமித சாஹித்ய விஜ்ஜாவிநோத ஸ-
9. ஹி ஸ்ரீ கோசேடில வஜ்ஜான திநிபுவநச்சக்கிற-
10. வத்தி கோநேர்மை கொண்டான் அபிராம பா-
11. க்கிறம பாண்டியதேவர் னந்தனரான அழகன்
12. [பெரு]மான் திருநெல்வேலிப்பெருமான் வீரவெண்பா-
13. மாலை [ய]ர[ய] குலசேகாதேவர் னந்தனர[ா]ந அழகன்-
14. பெருமான் அதிவீரராமன ஸ்ரீவல்லபதேவற்கு ய-
15. ண்டு நுவ[து] பிறப[வு] ஸ்ரீ அற்பசி மீர் அபரபகத்தது
16. இருபத்து நாலாந்தெய்தியும் சுத்தமியும் சுக்கிரவாரமு-
17. ம் சிங்குகாணமும் பூசத்துநான் பெற்ற உலகுசிந்தாம-
18. னிவனநாட்டு கிடாரத்தார் சிகையிலாயமுடையான்
19. ம[ற]த்தி [ரு] வாணதபெருமானுக்கு வடவாரிநாட்டு [கி]-
20. [ள]ரங்கா[ட]ரீர் நம் ஆலபத்துக்கு தன்மகத்த[ர்]கணக்கு
21. காணியாட்சையாக குடுக்கும்படிக்கு நம்குமரன்
22. திருநெல்வேலிப்பெருமான் வீரவெண்பா மாலை-
23. யான் குலசேகாதேவர் னந்தனரான அழகன்[பெரு]மான்
24. அதிவீரராமன் சிரிவலுவதேவர் நம் வாசல் . . தூர்கா-
25. நர்க்கு ஓலை வரவிடுகையில் நம் குமரன் அழகன்[பெரு]மான்
26. [அதிவீரராம]ன ஸ்ரீ வலுவதேவர் கற்பித்தமைஆ-
27. [லே] மம சிவலதேவனும் னம் அதிவீரராம
28. தேவனும் ந

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Text (1)

1. ஸாஸ்திரம் [||*] ஸகாயமுதேதசு ஸததத ஸதத ஸாஸ்திரமென ஸ்ரீ
உதிருநாந-
2. சிவஸாஸ்திரஜயதி ஸாஸ்திர ஸாஸ்திர சூழிவணைஸ்ரீரஜேயத |
ஸகாஸ்திர
3. தசாஸ்திரமேல் மேல் செல்லாநின்ற ஸ்ரீ ஸாவநேகவீர வநுக்ருவா
வதபாஸ்திர-
4. ஸ்ரீஸ்திர ஜயகதமவாஸ்திரவரஸ்திர க்ஷேரவாஸ்திர நாரஸிம்ஹகர-
வ தஜேஷி-
5. வாகாஸ்திர வோஸ்திரஸாவாஸ்திர டேவஸ்திரவணஸ்திரவநாஸ்திர வ-
ஸ்திர-
6. ஸாஸ்திர ஸாவஸ்திர கோஜிதிரவஜ்ஜான திஸாவநுக்கு வர்த்தி
கோநேர்மை கொண்டான்
7. திருநெல்வேலிப்பெருமான் வீரவெண்பா மாலைபான் வஜ்ஜப்பெருமான் காயுமே
வர-

8. டேவர் நடிதாரான அழகன் பெருமான் அதிவிராமனான ஸீவவலுலுடேவற்கு ஆண்டு அவது
9. ப்ரஜோதித வஸவதூரத்து டிஷ்டினாயநத்து வஷ்டு கீதாவில் கஷ்டிரவியும் சவரவாக்ஷ-
10. த்து வாகாடிசியும் ஸோலவாரமும் ஸாலயோமமும் வரிஹகரணமும் பெற்ற வஷ்டுநக்ஷ-
11. துத்து ண் காரஸுவமோதுத்து வோயாத வலிதுத்து திருமேனி யழகியான் வுஹாடிராயன்
12. தண்டைக்கால் வுஹாடிராயனுக்கு பண்டுடைபானு[ம்] பழம்பேரையும் தவிர்த்து முப்ப-
13. துவட்டமும் நம் சஜினை காணியாட்சை ஆக கல்பித்தபடிக்கு நம் குமாரன்
14. அழகன் பெருமான் அதிவிராமனான ஸீவவலுலுடேவர் ஓலை நம் வாசல் து. க்காள-
15. க்கு வரவிடுகையில் நம் காரியம் ருமனாகனும் காரியக்கணக்கு குற்றலமும் கலியன் கணக்கு
16. சொக்கன் கண்டியுடேவனும் மாடாபத்திபக்கணக்கு திருவலங்காத்தானும் நம்
17. ஆலையகணக்கு செண்பகராமக்குட்டி சீல மழவராயன் கணக்கின்படி விட்ட
18. குறும்பைநாட்டு விந்தனார் பெரியகுளத்தின் கீழ் பத்தக்கால் ச [கண்ணுறு தடி] உ
19. () ஆக மாதம் ஒன்றுக்கு நம்பு உடமை ரெல் [கோட்டை] க ஆகவும் சோறு வுதுஞ்-
20. ந்களும் பயிர் எடுப்பு ஒத்தவாசினியில் உள்ள வுதுஞ்ங்களும் பற்றிக்கொண்டு நம் ஓலைக்கு
21. எழுத்தும் இட்டு சஜினை சஜிராவுத்தியும் மனையும் மனைக்கூறும்
22. யும் உசுவம் ப்ரதிஷ்டையும் தொன்றுங்கோவில் தொன்றாக கோவில் மற்றும் எற்ப்பேற்-
23. பட்ட வலவலு ப்ராவிதகளும் சுவநுதாரவாக வண்திபுலேசமே செம்பி னும் வெட்டி
24. கைய்யாண்டுகொள்ளவும் [||*] சூழிவணேஸ்வரநுஎழுத்து

U AND V. KALANGADU INSCRIPTIONS OF THE REIGN OF ATIVIRARAMA
PANDYADEVA. S. 1493

The subjoined inscriptions are engraved on the north base of the central shrine of the Venkatchalapathi temple at Kalangadu. They both record the grants of land made by the king to this temple. The first is dated S 1493, cyclic year Prajotpatti; in this year, in the Uttarayanā and Vasanta-ritu, on Friday, the 15th of the month Vaigāsi, which corresponded with the 10th tithi of the bright fortnight, in the Śubha-yoga and Śubha-karṇa and nakshatra Uttara, the king Ativirarama, alias Aḷagan Perumāḷ, Srivallabhadeva, granted some land to the god Tiruvēṅgaḷanātha of Kīḷṅgaṭṭūr. The king is said to have been born in the Punarvasu nakshatra.

The second inscription belongs to the same year but is dated Thursday, the 6th of the month Kanni, in the Dakṣināyana and Varsha-ritu; this day was also the 3rd tithi of the

bright half of the month, and nakshatra Asvati, Subha-karana and Subha-yoga. On this day the king granted once again some more land to the same temple of Tiruvēṇkaṇātha of Kaṅgaṭṭūr.

U Text

1. ஸாலவாஸா [||*] ஸ்வஸிஸ்ரீ ஸகாஸ்து தசாஸுநல் மேற் செல்லாநின்ற ஸ்வஸிஸ்ரீ ஸுவநேகவீர வநுகுறு பூழீவ உயாநாஜேஹந் ஜயந்நாஹவாஸா-
வாஸாஸுர கேஷமாஸாநா நாரஸிம்ஹ கோஹ தஜேஹிவாகாஸ வோஸஸிஸா வட-
வாநறு ஸாஸித்து ஸாவஸுலேன உஜேயவாஸா-

2. ஸ ஸாவதாஸாஸுர கோஜபிறுவஜுராந த்ரிஸுவநஜித்ருவத்தி-
கோநேர்மைகொண்டாந ஸீபெருமாள் திருநெல்வேலிப்பெருமாள் வீரவெண்பாமாலைபாந
யஜுப்பெருமாள் காலுசேஸவாந ஜேவந் நநநாஸா ஸீபெருமாள் அழகந் பெருமாள்

3. அதிவீராமந ஆய ஸீவனுலஜேவந் ஆண்டு எட்டாவது பூஜேசுபத்தி ஸா-
வஸாஸுரத்த-உத்தநாஸநத்து வஸஸுஜீத-வில் வைக்காசி மீநடுவயுட வபிவஸுபகூத்த-
தஸாஸிஸுட ஸாகுஸாஸுட ஸாலயோஸுட ஸாலகாஸா-

4. உட்பெற்ற உத்திரகஸுத்ருத்து நாள் வஸுவஸா நகஸுத்ருத்து நாள் ஜாத-
நாஸுர ஸீபெருமாள் அழகந் பெருமாள் அதிவீராமந ஆய ஸீவனுலஜேவந் ஆய
நாள் தளாங்காட்டேரில் நயினார் திருவேங்கடநாதற்கு திருவிடையாட்டம் ஸ-

5. வஜாஸுஜாஸிப்ட நடு வாசந்நகர்கர் இட்டகைபத்தடிப்படி வடவாரிநாட்டு
பன்பொழி உள்ளிட்ட . . பற்றில் பண்டு உடையாஸையும் பழம் பேரையும் தவிர்த்து நடு-
கண்டு உழவுதிறந்து திருவிடையாட்டம் விட்டது-

6. க்கு எல்கையாவது நாளிட்டுவென்றால் கடமார்க்குளம் உள் பட்டதுக்கு எல்கை கீள்
எல்கை இலத்தூர்க . . டு மேற்படி குளத்தில் நீரக்கலுக்கும் மேற்கு தெரு எல்கை
பழஞ்செய் கால் புரவுக்கு வடக்கு

7. . . . (The rest damaged).

V Text (1)

1. ஸாலவாஸா [||*] ஸ்வஸிஸ்ரீ ஸகாஸ்து தசாஸுநல் மேற் செல்லாநின்ற ஸ்வஸி-
ஸ்ரீ ஸுவநேகவீர வநுகுறு பூழீவ உயாநாஜேஹந் ஜயந்நாஹவாஸாஸு-
ர கேஷமாஸாநா நாரஸிம்ஹ கோஹ தஜேஹிவாகாஸ வோ-

2. ஸஸிஸா வடவாநறு ஸாஸித்து ஸாவஸுலேன உஜேயவாஸா
ஸாவதாஸாஸுர கோஜபிறுவஜுராந த்ரிஸுவநஜித்ருவத்தி-
கோநேர்மைகொண்-
டாந ஸ்வஸிஸ்ரீ பெருமாள் திருநெல்வேலிப்பெருமாள் வீரவெண்பா-

3. மாலைபாந யஜுப்பெருமாள் காலுசேஸவாந ஜேவந் நநநாஸா ஸீபெருமாள்
அழகந் பெருமாள் அதிவீராமந ஆய ஸீவனுலஜேவந் ஆய ஸீவனுலஜேவந் ஆய ஸீவனுலஜேவந்
சுபத்தி ஸாவஸுலேனத்து உஜேயவாஸாஸுர வஸுஜீத-வில் க-

4. விநாயக சுவரவக்ஷத்தம் திருதியைய-¹டி மூராவாரமும் மூ-
லயோமமும் மூலகரணமும் பெற்ற சு[²யதி] நக்ஷத்ரத்தம் நாள் வுநர்வஸ-
நக்ஷத்ரத்தம் நாள் ஜாதரா[ய] ன் பெருமாள் அழகம்பெருமாள் அதிவிரராடமு ஆய
மூவறுலுதேவர் ஆ-

5. ய நாம் வடவாரிநாட்டு கிளங்காட்டுரில் நயினர் திருவேங்கடநாதற்கு திருவிடை
யாட்டமாக வவ-³புராணுதாலும் விட்ட நம் வாசந்தகணக்கர் இட்ட கை[⁴ய்]த்தடிப்படிசோத்
துக்குடுத்த மேற்படி நாட்டு மேற்படிபூர் உள்ளிட்ட பற்றில் இராசகு-

6. வராமப் பேரேரிக்கு நான்கு எல்கைக்கு எல்கையாவது கிழைக்கட்டளை தென்மடல் (2)
ஒடியகாலுக்கு மேற்கு பழவராயன்குளத்து நீர்நக்கலுக்கும் பழய செம்பேறுகிழ்மேலோடிய
ஒட்டுக்கண்ணாற்று

(The succeeding lines are somewhat damaged)

W. SAMBUR-VALAGARAI INSCRIPTION OF THE REIGN OF ATIVIRARAMA PANDYADEVA

The inscription edited below is found engraved on the north wall of the *mahāmaṇḍapa* of the Mūlasthanēśvara temple at Sāmbūr-Valagarai. Its dated Ś. 1494, cyclic year **Angirasa**. This year corresponded to the 10th year of the reign of **Ativirārama Pānyadeva**. In the **Uttarāyaṇa** and **Saśiritu** of this year, on Friday, the 15th of the month **Mina**, which was also the 11th **tithi** of the bright, fortnight, in the **Vanija-karaṇa** and **Pṛiti-yoga** and **nakshatra Rohini**, Tiruvannāmalaiappulavaṇ Chidambaranāthan *alias* Tirumūlanātha Mudali of the Naḍuvumaṇḍalam was appointed to sing the *Dēvāraṁ* hymns in the temple of Mūlasthanēśvara temple, by the king. He was recommended by Aḷaga-Sōkkaṇār Abhirāma Pāṇḍyaṇ. This last person must be Varatuṅgarāma, who, we have already seen, bore the name Abhirāma Sundarēśa. (See page 126 above).

W Text

1. மூலவஹு [||*] வஸுதாய-¹தேதசு வததடி வவஹு வுராவெனவிவி-
னீ உதிருநாயகிவ-

2. மூலவிஜயதி மாயுதடி மாவநடி குடிவணை மூராவேயடி மகாஸுடி

3. தசாசு டசல் மேல் செல்லாநின்ற வுவினீ மூவநெகவீர வநுக்குறு

4. மூ²தீவ*] மூராவே³நு ஜயனாமமவாமவராயிரா நார-

5. வரிஹகேரல தஜாதிவாகர வோலவிசுவபவாதநு தேவ-

6. மூரவணை வுபநாயாயு வுதீத வுதவிது வுரவஹி⁴த கோஜடி-

7. ம வஜுராம திருலுவ*] மஜுகுவத்தி கோனேர்மைகொண்டான் திருநெல்
வேலிப்பெருமாள்

8. வீரவெப்பாமலையான் [ய⁵த*] உப்பெருமாள் குலசேகரதேவக்கு நந்த-

9. நரான அழகம்பெருமாள் அதிவிரராவநான மீவ⁶யுலுதேவற்கு ஆண்டு [டு]ஆ-

10. வது ஆங்கீர[⁷த*] மாவ⁸துரத்தம் உத்த[ராயன] செசெரி⁹துவில் மீநம் மருவ
அபாவக்ஷத்து வகாடி-¹⁰

(2) Read தென்மடல்.

11. யுட ஸு குவாரமு[ம்] வணிஜகரணமும்[வீ]தியோகமும் பெற்ற ரோஹணி
நகரத் துத்தணன் சே[ர]-
12. முவமுநாட்டு நடுவுமண்டலத்து பெரும்பற்றபுலியூர்நயினர் திருவம்பலமுடைய ந-
13. யினர் திருப்பூமண்டபத்தாரில்த்திருவண்ணாமலைப் புலவர் சிதம்பரநாதன்
14. திருமுலநாதமுதலிக்கு பண்டுடையு[ம்] மனைபு[ம்] பழம்பேரைபு[ம்] தவித் து திருப்
பாட்டுக்காணியாட்சையாக கற்-
15. பிக்கும்படிக்கு நம் குமாரன் அழகசொக்கனார் சஹிராஜவாணுன் ஓலை நம் வாச-
16. ல் காரியம் இராமநாதனுக்கும் காரியகணக்கு சங்கரனுக்கு
17. ம் கர்மமிதன்னை பிராமா சனக்கு சொக்கன்
18. [கண்டிய தேவனுக்கும் நம் ஆலபகணக்கு சென்பகறமனுக்கும்
19. சீவலம்மறபனுக்கு ஓலைபும் விகைகயில் திருப்பாட்டுக்காணி-
20. யாட்சையும் உடைமைசேறு சுதந்திரங்களும் கைபாண்டு . . . பற்றிக்கொண்-
21. டு தொன்றுங்கோயில் தொன்றாக கொயிலும் மனையும் மனைக்கூறுந்தோட்டமு-
22. ம் தோட்டக்கூறுமற்று மெற்பட்டச் சம்பிறுத்தியு[ம்] ஆசனிரதாரவர் சந்ததி பிற-
- வேசமே கல்வின-
23. [ஞ்] செம்பிலும் வெட்டிகையாண்டுகொள்ளவும் சூழிவண்ணோரரநு எழுத்து

X. KALANGADU INSCRIPTION OF SIVALA MARN. S. 1522

The subjoined inscription is engraved on a stone set up under a banian tree situated on the east of the village of Kalangādū. It is dated **Saka 1522** which is said to have been the **38th year** of the reign of **Aḷaṅ Perumāḷ Ativirārāman, alias Śrīvallabhadeva**. In this year **Plava** on the **12th of the month Tai**, the prince **Śivala Māraṇ**, who brought back the past, colonised the village of **Kiḷāṅgāṭṭūr** by remitting taxes on the house sites occupied by any one for six months. The prince **Śivala Māraṇ** appears to be the person who performed a *yūga* and on that account called himself **Śrīvallabha-yajvā** or **Sōmayāji**.

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Text ⁽¹⁾

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| 1. கெணப- | 2. திக்கு விரைப்பாடு கோட்டை நெல்லு . .] |
| 3. சகா[த்த]ம் | 4. சூறாஉஉன் |
| 5. மேற்செ- | 6. லாநின்றி (2) ஸீ[பெருமா]ள் |
| 7. அழகன் | 8. [பெருமா]ள் அதிவி[ர]- |
| 9. ரமணன் | 10. ஸீவ[ல்]வ தே- |
| 11. [வ*]ற்குபா- | 12. ண்டு நடவது |
| 13. பில (ரு) | 14. தைமீர் உஉவ ஸீ |
| 15. [பெருமா]ள் இற- | 16. [ந்த] காலமெடுத்தி |
| 17. சீவல ம- | 18. றான் பண்ட- |
| 19. றாத்தில் கி- | 20. ளாங் காட்டுர் |
| 21. மாடை | 22. பிறித்துக்குடியே |

(1) From inked impressions.

(2) Read செல்லாநின்ற

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| 23. ந்றிவித்த | 24. சீவல நல்லு]ற்கு |
| 25. [எல்]யை- | 26. ரவது [கீழ்எல்]கை |
| 27. [மேற்படி]யூர் பு- | 28. து[க்கு]ளர் . . ம் |
| 29. | 30. [க்கு தென் எல்கை] (3) |
| 31. க்கு[வட]க்கு | 32. [மேல் எல்கை] கல்வெட்- |
| 33. டெ[க்கு]ழி[க்குகிழ] | 34. [க்கு வடஎல்கை] பா- |
| 35. க்கிறமபாண்- | 36. டியப் பேரேரியூரு- |
| 37. க்கு[தெற்கு] ஆக | 38. [இன்]னன்கெல்கை- |
| 39. க்குள் பட்ட | 40. குடியிருக்கிற பலர்- |
| 41. கு | 42. |
| 43. | 44. (4) ஆக இந்த- |
| 45. ப்படியும் | 46. வந்தேறு குடிக்கு ஆ- |
| 47. று மாததை (5) | 48. க்கு இறையிலலா]மலும் |
| 49. குடியிருப்- | 50. பாராகவும் . . . |
| 51. மட[த்துக்கு]- | 52. [வித்துப்பாடு கோட்டை நெல் ச .] |

Y. SUCHINDRAN INSCRIPTIONS OF ARIKESARI PARAKRAMA PANDYADEVA

The following inscription is found on the west wall of the *maṇḍapa* in front of the Śhāpūnāthasvāmī temple at Suchindram. It is dated the 28th year of the reign of the king Jatilavarman Tribhuvana-chakravartin Parākramadeva, born in the Mṛigaśirsha nakshatra. On the Mārigaśirsha nakshatra, the natal star of the king, which fell on the 20th of the month Medam, which was also the 3rd *tiṭhi* of the bright fortnight, the king granted some land for conducting certain special services in his name. The king mentioned in this document is Arikesari Parākrama Pandya-deva, the builder of the temple of Viśvanāthasvāmī at Teṅkaśi.

Y Text (1)

1. ஹரி [3][*]ஹ்விஸ் [11*]சொசதிவைவன்மரான (2) திற்புவனசக்கிரவத்தி-3 சிறி-பிராக்கிறமபாண்டியதேவற்கு ஆண்டு இ-
2. ருபத்து எட்டாவது மேட்டு[ர*]யறு இருபதாந்தேய்தியும் பூறுவபக்கிழத்துதிறிதி-யையும் பெற்ற நம்மு-
3. டைய பிறந்தநாளான மிருககிருஷ்த்து நாள் நாஞ்சினுட்டு சுசி(வி)ந்திரத்து உடையார் சிவீந்திரமு-
4. டையநயினு(ர்)ற்கு நாம் கற்பித்த பாக்கிறம(ன்)பாண்டியன் சந்திபூசைக்கு நாள்-ளொன்று-
5. க்கு பூசைக்கு அமுதுபடி பதக்குநாழிக்கும் திருமாலை திருப்பருவட்டம் சாத்துப் படி திருவிளக்கு-

(3) All the matter contained in square brackets are either abbreviations or conjunct consonants.

(4) The abbreviations employed are unreadable.

(5) Read மாதத்துக்கு

(1) From inked impressions.

(2) Read கோச்சடையவன்மரான திற்புவனசக்கிரவர்த்தி பூர்பராக்கிறமபாண்டிய.

6. எண்ணை நெய்அமுது கறிஅமுது தென்காய்அமுது உப்புஅமுது மிளகுஅமுது உள்பட்டியல் நெய்தியங்களுக்கும் வானவு-
யன் நல்லூரில் செவகாமசுந்தரிக்குளத்த கீழ் (4) இருபத்தே-

7. ன் நாட்டு பஞ்சாற்றிற்க்கால் போக்கு (3) செங்கனக்குறிச்சியான சுந்தரபாண்டிய-
யன் நல்லூரில் செவகாமசுந்தரிக்குளத்த கீழ் (4) இருபத்தே-

8. ட்டாவது பீசான முதலுக்கு நாம் தேவதானமாகவிட்ட நிலம் முப்பதுமாவுக்கு
அதிகாரிகடைக்கப்பட்டபிட்டு வரக்காட்டி(ன்)ன கற்றடிப்படி எ-ம்-

9. [கண்ணு] . 6 நின்றும் [இதன்]கிழக்கு தடி[நு]ப்பிடா
விளாகத்துக்குகிழக்கு தடி இவைநிலம் காணியும் தென் கிழக்குதடி இரண்டு நிலம் அரை-

10. மாவும் தென்கிழக்கு தடி அஞ்ச நிலம் அரைமாவும் இதன்கிழக்குதடி இரண்டுநிலம்
அரைமாவும் இதன் கிழக்கு தடி ஒன்றுநிலம் காணியும் இதன் கிழக்கு தடி அஞ்ச நிலம் ஒ-

11. ருமாவும் இதன்கிழக்குதடி மூன்று நிலம் ஒருமாவும் இதன் கிழக்கு தடி னாலு
நிலம் மாகாணியும் இதன்கிழக்கு தடி நாலு நிலம் ஒருமாவும் தென்கிழக்குதடி இரண்டு நிலம்
அரைமா-

12. வும் தென்கிழக்கு தடி எட்டு நிலம் ஒருமாவரையும் இதன் கிழக்கு தடி நாலு
நிலம் மாகாணியும் இதன் கிழக்குதடி ஒன்று நிலம் முக்காணியும் இதன் கிழக்கு தடி ஒன்று
நிலம்*] க-

13. ாணி [அரைக்காணியும் இதன் கிழக்கு தடி ஒன்று நிலம் அரைக்காணியும் இ[த*]ன்
கிழக்கு தடி ஒன்று நிலம் காணிஅரைக்காணி தென்கிழக்கு தடி நாலும் நிலம் ஒருமாவ-

14. [ரையும் இதன் கிழக்குமூன்று முன்*]றிலொன்றில்(ல)பற்றுநிலம் முக்காணி அரை-
க்காணியும் தென்கிழக்கு தடி ஆறு மூன்றில் ஒன்றில் பற்று நிலம் முக்காணியும் இதன் கி-

15. முக்கு தடி மூன்று மூன்றிலொன்றில் பற்றுநிலம் காணியும் எட்டாங்கண்ணுமேற்கு
நின்றும் தடி இரண்டு மூன்றிலொன்றில் பற்று நிலம் செட்டிகுளம் முதல் கண்ணு] .

16. [கிழக்கு தடி அஞ்ச நிலம் ஒருமாவும் தென்கிழக்கு தடி இரண்டு நிலம் முக்காணி-
யும் [தென்கிழக்கு தடிமூன்று நிலம் காணி அரைக்காணி நூசுகநலபும் [இதன் கிழக்கு]

17. மேற்கு நின்றும் தடி மூன்று நிலம் மாகாணிஅரையும் (5)
யும[ா]காணியும் பலயும் குன்றில் பற்று நிலம் . . யும் . .

18. . . யும் . . . யும் [இதன் கிழக்கு தடி] . . . யும் [இதன்
கிழக்கு தடி ந] . . யும் [இதன் கிழக்கு] . . . யும் [இதன் கிழக்கு] . .

19. . . இ நின்றும்

(Incomplete)

(*) Read கரைப்போக்கு

(*) Read குளத்தின் கீழ்

(*) There are a number of Tamil numerals expressing the extent of land.

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Specimens of Vatteluttu Inscriptions

INTRODUCTION

Vaṭṭeḷuttu, Tekkaṇ-Malayālam and Nāṇa-mōṇa ⁽¹⁾ are the various names of a kind of alphabet which was current in the Madura and the Tinnevely districts and on the Malabar Coast. The earliest known records written in this alphabet discovered hitherto are those of the early Pāṇḍya king, Jaṭilavarman Parāntaka I, who reigned in the last quarter of the eighth century A. D. At that time the alphabet was completely evolved and the difference between two similar letters, such as for instance between *p* and *v*; *n* and *lu* etc., was very markedly shown; the decipherment of the early documents is consequently very easy. A few centuries later carelessness is exhibited to such an extent that it becomes difficult to say if a letter is *k* or *ch*, *n* or *lu*, *p* or *v*, and so on. In the most recent times, the 17th and 18th centuries, the difficulty in reading is much more heightened by writing letters *p*, *v*, *y*, *n* and sometimes *l* also, exactly alike, so that if a word like *paḷa-vagaiyāṇa* is written in the alphabet of this period, it could be read as *vava-vāgaiṇāva*, *vava-vagaiṇāva*, and so on in no less than 24 ways. Inscriptions of this kind are to be read only on the context and such readings depend for their correctness only on probability. If a better reading is suggested, the one made before must be given up. The Vaṭṭeḷuttu alphabet dragged on its existence till the end of the 18th century on the West Coast and eventually gave way to Malayālam.

This alphabet is surmised by Dr. Burnell to have had its origin in the Phœnician and Aramaic characters of Europe. The same scholar also thought that it was "best to consider the Aśōka alphabets and the Vaṭṭeḷuttu as independent". In his opinion, this alphabet is very much older than the Tamiḷ, which "only gradually supplanted" it. With this notion, he asserts that Kuraḷ and Tolkāppiyam were written in this character and adds in this connection certain absurd uncalled for remarks on the antiquity of the Tamiḷ literature, the utter incorrectness of which has been ably pointed out by the late Mr. Sundaram Piḷḷay in his 'Some Mile-stones in Tamiḷ Literature.' No doubt epigraphy had not far advanced at the time Dr. Burnell wrote; hence nothing definite could be said then about any characters generally and of Vaṭṭeḷuttu in particular. Since then and up till Dr. Buhler wrote his Indian Palaeography the study of Vaṭṭeḷuttu had not progressed very much. However, that scholar advanced a second hypothesis about the nature of the Vaṭṭeḷuttu and its origin. Says he, "The Vaṭṭeḷuttu may be described as a cursive script, which bears the same relation to the Tamiḷ as the modern alphabets of the clerk and merchant to their originals e.g., the Mōḍi of the Marāṭhās to the Bālbōdh and the Takari of the Dogras to the Śarada. With the exception of the *I*, probably borrowed from the Grantha, all its letters are made with a single stroke from the left to the right, and are mostly inclined towards the left. Several among them, such as the *ṇa*, with the curve and the hook on the left, the *va* with the open top and the hook on the left and the round *ṇa* show the characteristics of the second variety of the Tamiḷ of the 11th and 12th centuries. And with the usage of the later Tamiḷ inscriptions agrees the constant omission of the *virāma*. Some other characters, such as the round *ta*, the *ma* with the curve on the right and the *ya* with the loop on the left seem to go back to the forms of the earlier Tamiḷ. And three, the rounded *U*, the pointed *B*, and the *ṇa* with a single notch possibly show characteristics dating from still earlier period. Perhaps it may be assumed that the 'round hand' arose already before the 7th century, but was modified in the course of time by the further development of the Tamiḷ and the Grantha scripts. Owing to the small number of the accessible inscriptions, this conjecture is however by no means certain."

From the statement that Vaṭṭeḷuttu is but a cursive form of Tamiḷ, we have evidently to understand that it did not exist before Tamiḷ and came to be a separate alphabet like the Mōḍi and Takari when Tamiḷ came to be employed by business men who could not attend to the niceties of the ideal or theoretical letters; again the assertion that, like the later Tamiḷ, the Vaṭṭeḷuttu also

⁽¹⁾ The name Nāṇa-mōṇa is given to it because, at the time when the alphabet is taught to children for the first time, the benedictory words *namostu* etc. are begun, which are spelt *nana*, *mona*, *ittanna*, *tuna* (that is, *na*, *m* and *tu*), and the alphabet therefore came to be known as the *nāṇa-mōṇa* alphabet.

omits the *virāma*, clearly means to convey the notion that the evolution of the latter alphabet was proportional and corresponding to that of the former. It is therefore certain that Dr. Buhler is of opinion that Vaṭṭeḷuttu is no other than Tamil as developed by the business man, the scribe.

To me it appears that the Vaṭṭeḷuttu is most likely derived from the Brāhmi variety of the Aśoka alphabet, like all other alphabets of India, the Nāgari, the Tamil-Grantha and the Telugu-Kannāḍa groups. But it had had a separate line of evolution. From the close analogy of the early specimens of the Tamil-Grantha characters we are sure that they must have been derived from the same mother alphabet, the Brāhmi of the Aśoka script. On closer scrutiny we can find several points of similarity between Vaṭṭeḷuttu on the one hand and the other alphabets of S. India. I have shown elsewhere that the Tamil-Grantha group of the S. Indian alphabets is derived directly from the Brāhmi characters and it is enough if it is proved that Vaṭṭeḷuttu bears close resemblance to the Tamil-Grantha letters, to establish the ultimate origin of the former alphabet.

Let us take first the vowel *a* of the Vaṭṭeḷuttu alphabet and compare it with its analogue in Tamil. The only peculiarity noticeable in the Vaṭṭeḷuttu letter is that it has for the connecting horizontal stroke between the beginning of the letter and its end a curve which is open at the top; whereas, the Tamil letter has in its place a straight line. (See Tables.)

The addition made to the short vowel *a* to convert into a long *ā*, is identical with that employed by Tamil. This addition marks the increase of the length of the sound by half a *mātra*, and is also used in the formation of the long *ū* as in *vū, pū, mū, yū* etc. (See Tables.)

The Tamil *i* is written in archaic inscriptions like the Arabic numeral three; that is, the end stroke curls to the left; whereas, in Vaṭṭeḷuttu it turns to the right. There is practically no difference between the Tamil and the Vaṭṭeḷuttu long *i*'s.

The Vaṭṭeḷuttu *u* is identical with the same letter of the Tamil alphabet, but in the one case the lower horizontal line is slightly curved, and in the other, it is straight. To the short *u* the secondary *ā* symbol, a short straight horizontal line, is attached to the right end to make it long *ū*. In the case of the Vaṭṭeḷuttu it is added at the end of the horizontal member of *u*, whereas in the early Tamil letter it is found attached to the vertical member, near the loop. The principle that the longer vowel is obtained by the addition of a short straight stroke to the left is of universal application and is found to apply to the case of the Vaṭṭeḷuttu and the Tamil letters as well.

The letter *e* of Vaṭṭeḷuttu differs from the same letter of the Tamil alphabet in that the former has its end slightly bent inwards and has the angle, formed by the first and second portion of it, at its top. In the case of the Tamil *e* the angle referred to above is on the right, the first part of the letter being horizontal and the second, vertical.

The origin of the Vaṭṭeḷuttu *ai* is not clearly traceable.

There is no difference between the Tamil and the Vaṭṭeḷuttu *o*. The vowel *au* has not hitherto been met with in the several Vaṭṭeḷuttu inscriptions examined by me. Its place is often taken by *av* and hence it is generally absent in Vaṭṭeḷuttu inscriptions.

Coming now to the **consonants**, the Vaṭṭeḷuttu *k, ch, ṇ, r, l, ḷ, ṇ*, are identical with the corresponding Tamil letters; with the exception of the lower horizontal portion, which is a curve opening at the top in the Vaṭṭeḷuttu and a straight horizontal line in the Tamil alphabets, the letters *n, t, p, m*, and *v* of both the characters are identical. In the case of the letters *p* and *m*, a small hook opening to the left is attached to their left.

The letter *ṇ* as found in the Tamil inscriptions of the early Pallava periods has the shape which resembles somewhat the Vaṭṭeḷuttu *ṇ*; while in the former there are two distinct loops, the latter has only one.

The earliest known forms of the letters *t* and *n* occur in a short inscription discovered on the hillock called the Tirunāthar-kunṇu, near Śeṇji (Gingi); for the shapes of these letters see p. 231, of the Travancore Archæological Series, No. XIV. The Vaṭṭeḷuttu *t* and *n* differ a little from the Tirunātharkunṇu ones in that the vertical line of *t* of the latter is converted into a curve in

the former, and both the vertical and horizontal straight portions of *n* of the latter are turned into two curves in that of the former. The Vatteluttu *n* has, in accordance with the general rule obtaining with the letters of this alphabet, the horizontal lower line in the form of a curve, with its opening at the top. It has, like *p* and *m* developed a hook on the left side at the beginning of the letter, and opening to the left. If the lower curvilinear line were drawn rather long, it would create confusion between *n* on the one hand and *v* and *p* on the other. To distinguish the letter *n* from the two others, *v* and *p*, its lower limb is converted into a simple hook with its opening to the right. In point of the relative lengths of their horizontal lower curvilinear member, the letters *n*, *v* and *p*, stand in order; *n* has the shortest, *v* a slightly larger and *p*, the largest length.

The rough *r* of the Vatteluttu and the Tamil alphabets are also very similar to each other; the end of the letters curls to the left in the case of the Vatteluttu letter, whereas in the Tamil character it descends a little below the line.

If in its vowels and consonants the Vatteluttu alphabet is similar in shape to the Tamil alphabet, the resemblance is still more striking in its secondary vowels, *kā*, *kī*, etc. The principles involved in the formation of the secondary vowels are general and applicable alike to all the alphabets of India. The long *ā* is formed by the addition of a short horizontal stroke to the right of the consonant somewhere at the top, (compare the Brāhmi *kā* for instance on page 229 of this Series.). In the earlier stages of the evolution of any Indian alphabet, this stroke remains horizontal, but in course of time it bends down and becomes a vertical stroke; the attachment of this addition with the consonant does not get severed till after a few more centuries; in the case of Tamil the earlier long *ū* has this long *ā* symbol horizontal and straight; later on it becomes a small vertical stroke attached to the top of the letter; cf. *ū* of table on page 219 of this Series. About the 11th century separation of the secondary symbol from the body of the letter is complete; (see table on p. 220). In the case of the Vatteluttu characters, the secondary *ā* remains straight and horizontal throughout.

The secondary *i* is formed by the addition of a semicircular curve beginning from the top of the consonant and ending on the left with its opening to the left. (This is a more evolved form of the simple Brāhmi angular stroke). The later developments in this are that the symbol gets detached from the consonant in course of time and stands immediately above or by the side of the consonant; compare the later Tamil *kī* and the Nāgari *kī*, but this does not affect the Vatteluttu secondary *i* symbol which remains attached to the consonant. Not much difference is visible between the short and the long *i*'s in the earlier stages, whereas in the later periods the short and long letters are distinguished from each other by various devices which are characteristic of the genius of each alphabet of S. India. The secondary *u* short is obtained by adding a short vertical line at the bottom of the consonant, but if the latter happens to be itself ending in a vertical line as in the case of the Brāhmi, the Tamil and the Nāgari *ka*, the addition took a horizontal course. The addition to the consonant of one more line near the short *u* converts the letter into a long *ū*. In some alphabets such as the Tamil, Vatteluttu etc., this second addition is made often to the end of the first or the short *u* symbol; the secondary long *ū* stroke, in these alphabets assumes in course of time a curvilinear form; compare *śū*, *pū* etc. with *kū*, *tū*, etc. The secondary *e* is formed by affixing to the top of the consonant a straight short line on the left, while *ai* is got by two lines drawn parallel to each other in the same place as in the case of secondary *e*. This becomes a curved line open at the top in the Vatteluttu alphabet. The secondary *ai* with the two *e* strokes parallel to each other is seen in early Grantha and in the Nandi-nāgari and in a manner, in the Devanāgari; whereas in the other alphabet such as the later Tamil-Grantha, the Vatteluttu etc., the two lines, which in course of time become two right-hand spirals placed one above the other, in earlier inscriptions, and side by side in the later records. In still later times the two members of this symbol fuse into one somewhat resembling the *ṇ* with two rings. The secondary *o* is composed of the secondary *ā* and the secondary *e* the respective symbols being attach-

ed to the consonants in their proper place, that is, *e* on the left and *â* on the right. The secondary *au* is apparently formed by attaching an additional secondary *â* stroke in addition to the secondary *e* and *â* symbols required for the secondary *o*. In later times the two secondary *â* strokes which are placed side by side vertically, coalesce into one symbol, which resembles the Tamil numerical symbol *hundred* in the Tamil alphabet.

So far as these general principles of the formation of the secondary vowels are concerned, the Vaṭṭeluttu alphabet also obeys them as well as any other alphabet of India. This fact clearly proves that the prototype of the Vaṭṭeluttu alphabet is the Brāhmi variety of the Aśoka script. It had, like the other alphabets, its own evolution, which differed somewhat from the course of evolution of the Tamil characters. In a very late period of the existence of this alphabet it degenerated so much that it made no difference between the various letters, such as *p*, *v*, *y*, etc., and reading a piece of writing in this alphabet became a matter, as we remarked already, depending entirely upon the context as well as the experience of the reader. Under such circumstances no one would desire to continue the use of this deficient alphabet; and when the Chōḷa conquest of the Pāṇḍya country took place, and the Tamil alphabet began to creep in, it was received with, perhaps, a great feeling of relief. The Vaṭṭeluttu was once for all thrown out. In an inscription found in the Kuttalanāthasvāmin temple at Tirukkugālam, it is stated that when the central shrine, which had become dilapidated, was repaired, "all the writing, except the *Vaṭṭam* (Vaṭṭeluttu) which could not be read, was re-engraved on the wall." It is clear from this that at the time of the repair of the temple, Vaṭṭeluttu became an illegible or unknown character in the Pāṇḍya country. In the insulated Malaināḍu (Malabar) it continued as late as the middle of the 18th century A. D., and even here it was finally supplanted by the Aryā-ḷuttu (the modern Malayāḷam).

It is an item of faith with some epigraphists that the vertical variety of Vaṭṭeluttu, like the one employed in the Madras Museum grant, the Trivandram Museum stone, etc., is more ancient than the slanting variety. There does not appear to be any ground for such a supposition; for both the varieties of the Vaṭṭeluttu script are employed in the inscriptions of the early Pāṇḍya king Jaṭilavarman Parāntaka; compare the Tirupparāṅkunṇam inscription whose facsimile is given below, with the facsimile of the inscription of the same king found at Āṇaimalai and reproduced in the *Ep. Ind.* Vol. VIII, p. 320. In the earliest known Vaṭṭeluttu records the consonant *k* is always written like a Latin cross and *cha*, like the small *j* of the English cursive alphabet. Distinction is shown between *p* and *v* by giving the former a longer length to the former, as in the Grantha alphabet, than *v*. The letter *y* is a double semicircular curve with their openings at the top. Occasionally the other form, that of a left-handed spiral, is also employed. All these differences do not give any sure criteria of the age of any inscription. One thing which happens to be a real distinguishing feature of the early Vaṭṭeluttu is that the letters which end at the bottom, terminate in a horizontal line; compare *n*, *t*, *ṇ*, *ṅ*, etc., on the table on page on the next page.

In the inscriptions of the 10th and the 11th centuries A.D., the letters *k* and *ch* are often written exactly alike and cannot be easily distinguished from each other except on the context. However, a slight and hardly perceptible difference is shown by making the loop of the latter a little bigger than that of the former. The other letters remain practically the same as in the earlier characters, but then they are really made 'round hand' (*vaṭṭeluttu*) by omitting all angularities; in rare instances the angularities are reproduced, as in the copper-plate inscriptions of Bhāskara-Ravivarman. These features drag on to the end of the 14th century more or less. The degeneration is clearly visible in the inscriptions of the second half of the 14th century A.D. The forms of the letters *ku*, *kū*, *chu*, *na*, *a*, *â* and *e* have very different shapes from those of the early periods. The secondary *e* symbol has a small angular appendage developed at the beginning.

When we come to the 17th century, the difficulties in reading the Vaṭṭeluttu inscriptions become keener. For instance, it is almost a feat to read the Miṇṇiṇṇai Maṭham plate whose tanscript and facsimile are given in another part of this paper. The Pāliyam plates detailing the

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Tirupparankunram Inscription of Maranjadaiyan
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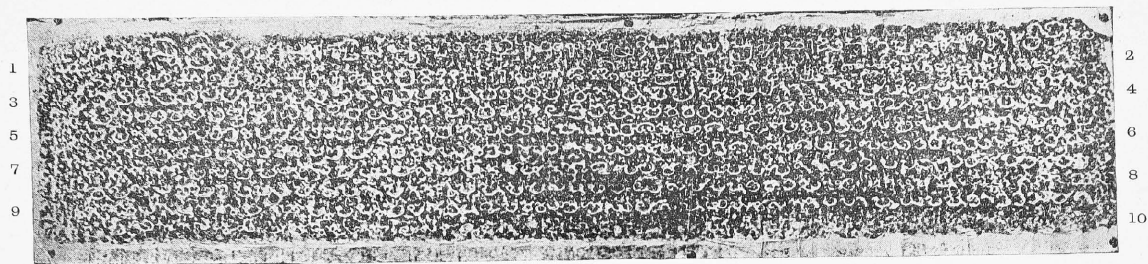
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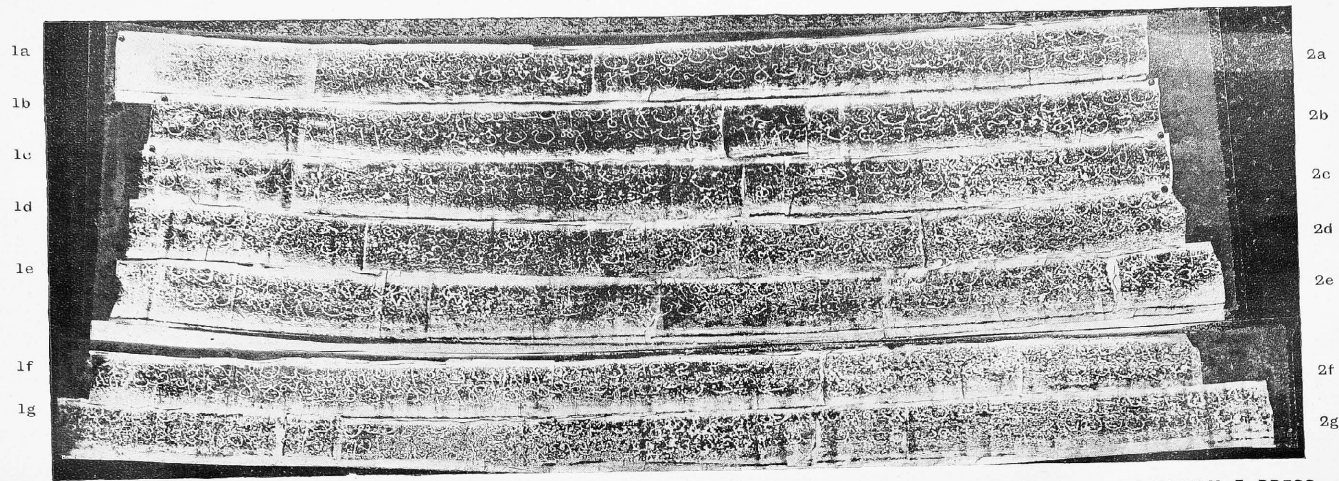
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A. Parthivapuram Inscription of Ko. 98. (To face p. 287.)



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B. Kaviyur Inscription of Kali 4052. (To face p. 288)



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In the manuscripts of the eighteenth century, the Vatteluttu characters are in such a state of intolerable confusion, that it is rather difficult to describe in detail the various changes that are visible in individual documents. A table of the alphabet of this period and a copy of the manuscript is, however, given for the purposes of comparative study.

A. PARTHIVAPURAM INSCRIPTION OF Ko. 98.

The subjoined inscription is engraved on the base of the north pial in front of the Vishnu temple at Parthivapuram, a village 5 miles south-east of Kulitturai, the head-quarters of the Villavangudi taluka, of the S. Travancore division. The stone upon which it is engraved is not well-dressed and hence its facsimile is not very good, though the inscription is in a good state of preservation. At the beginning of the inscription is a Sanskrit verse giving the precis of the Tamil portion of the record. It is dated the 98th year of the Kollam era, and records that one Kumaran Narayanan *alias* Pañchavan-Brahmadhirajan of Idaiikulattir set up two perpetual lamps in the temple of Vishnu at Parthivasékharapuram. He also made a gift of paddy for offerings to be made on the Punarvasu *nakshatra* in the month of Āṣāḍha every year. The Tamil portion is written in the Vatteluttu characters, a table of which is also given on the opposite page.

Text (1)

1. ஸ்ரீ ஸ்ரீ ||*|| ஷக்ஷா வாசுதிவவசிவசேவர வுரே ஷேவாய ஷீவஜ-
யடி ஷுத்ராஷாஸி வுநவதுஸுடி வுநராடா[ஸ்ரீ]ஸ்ரீ ஸ்ரீ
2. டாஅராடிஸ ஹாடுகுஸூ ஷுநராதுராது ஷேராநாராயண ஸ்ராஜிடுணை
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4. தூர் பஞ்சவன் ஷுஹாயிராஜனுயின குமான் நாராயணன் அமைச்ச திருநொந்தா
விளக்கு இரண்டு ||*|| இரண்டி ஷு மொ-
5. ன்றுக்கு படைத்தலைவன் கண்ணன் மாணிக்கன் கை(ய்)யில் அடுத்த எருமை ஏழு
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6. முக்காழாக்கும் படைத்தலைவன் பாகஞ்சிந்திரவன் கைய்யில் அடுத்த எருமை ஏழு
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7. ளக்குக்கு மடைப்பள்ளி நாழியால் உழக்காழாக்கு இடைவர் (4) ||*|| சாகாமுவாப்
பேரெருமை ||*|| இவ்வுர் வேட்கோவனுகிற்
8. செங்கோடனும் தம்பிராரு மருமக்களும் அம்பலமும் வாதில்மாடமுஞ் சுற்றுமண்-
ட[ப]மும் அழிவு செல
9.
- கடவர் ||*|| ஆடிப்புணர்த்த[த்*]தினார்
10. பன்னிருகல நெல்லு சாலைபுளமை . ல சா

(1) From inked impressions.

(2) The ரா in ஏதிராமாண்டு is engraved below the line.

(3) Read மடைப்பள்ளி நாழியால்

(4) Read இடக்கடவர்

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

Be it well. Śri. In (the town of) Pārthivaśekhara-pura, the wise Brahmapīrāja *alias* Nārāyaṇa, adorned with good qualities, having, with magnificence, set up two lamps for the Lord, also made a gift of twelve *ghaṭas* (*kalams*) of paddy for every Punarvasu day in (the month of) Aśāḍha and further made a gift of a splendid *agra* (i. e. *agra-sālā* or feeding house) for students.

The year opposite the ninety-eighth (of the Kollam era was current): two (perpetual) lamps were set up for the (Viṣṇu) Bhaṭāraka of Pārthivaśekhara-puram, by Kumaran-Nārāyaṇa *alias* Pañchavaṇ Brahmadīrajaṇ, of Iḍaikuḷattūr in Tūma-māḍu. Of these two lamps, the buffaloes that were entrusted for one lamp, with the military man Kaṇṇaṇ-Maṇikkaṇ, numbered seven. From these (buffaloes), a *uḷakku* and *āḷakku* of ghee measured by the *nāḷi* (measure) of the (temple) kitchen, shall be supplied; (those that were entrusted to the military man Pāṇaṇ Sivivīraṇ were seven (buffaloes also). From these, a *uḷakku* and *āḷakku* of ghee measured by the *nāḷi* (measure kept) in the (temple) kitchen shall be supplied. The potter Śeṅgōḍaṇ of this place, his brothers and nephews shall (attend to) the repairs, etc., of the temple, the *vādli-māḍam*, (the hall over the gateway and the gateway), and the *śūru-maṇḍapam*. On the Punarvasu nakshatra (that is, the day on which it falls) in the month of Āḍi, twelve *kalams* of paddy for the *sālai*.

KAVIYUR INSCRIPTION OF 4052ND YEAR OF THE KALI ERA

This inscription is engraved on the west, south and east bases of the central shrine of the Siva temple at Kaviyūr, a village 4 miles north-east of Tiruvalla, the head-quarters of the talūka of the same name in the Kōṭṭayam division. Strangely enough this document is dated in the Kali era. The date is the 4052nd year after the beginning of Kaliyuga. It records that two private individuals, apparently brothers, a piece of land for burning lamps, and offerings.

Text ⁽¹⁾

1. ஸ்ரீ ||*|| கலியுகம் துடங்கி நாலாயிரத்து அயம்பத்திராமாண்டு கவிபூர் ஊர் அவிநோதத்தால் முக்கால் வட்டத்துக்கூடி கோயிலுமுள்ளிருக்க மங்கலத்து நாராயணன் கையவன் கிடங்கு . . . லுளதில் தேமங்கலத்தோடியும் எட்டிக் கரியில் பதினைகலமுங் கொடுத்தான் ||*|| மங்கலத்து [நாராயணன்கிரிட்டன் கொடுத்த பூமி குழிக்கொற்றக்கரி கொற் . . கலமுமும்] ஸ்ரீவிளாகை ||*|| அவகனிடை கொண்ட ஐம்பதின் கலமும் திருக்கவிபூர் த்தேவர்க்கு இரண்டு நந்தாவின்க்கும் அகத்து . . . ரவிக்குநாழி உரிதிருவமிர்தும் உச்சிக்கு நாயிரி திருவ . . . இரண்டு கலமுமப்பூமியாலிருவரும்

2. அமைச்சர் ||*|| இச்செலவும் இச்செலவினுக்கு அமைச்சபூமியும் விலக்கப் பெறார் ||*|| விலக்குமுரார் வெவ்வேற்று வகையால் பெருமார்க்கு ஐம்பத்திருகைமுஞ்சு பெரன் தண்டப்படுவது ||*|| நாவாழமவர்க்கு இருபத்தைங்குழைஞ்சு பெரன் தண்டப்படுவது ||*|| தானமும் படைபு முரான்(ம்)மைக்கு மிடைகின்று கேட்டு முழிக்காததொழுக்கப்படி கச்சம் பிழைச்சாராவது ||*|| விலக்குமவகன்க்கு பந்தம் பறையுமவகனும் இத்தண்டமே படுவது ||*|| ஊரார்விநோதத்தால் க்கூடியுமிச் செலவுமற்றென்றினுக்கு செலுத்திக்கப் பெறார் ||*|| இப்பூமி எல்லாம் உழவு மங்கலத்தவகன் தந்ததியிலவ[த] தோரிருவரும் சிறைக்களையில் முத்தவனும் கூழை அடுத்த பல் முக்கால்வட்டத்து கொடுப-

3. பிக்கக்கடவியர்

(1) From inked impressions.

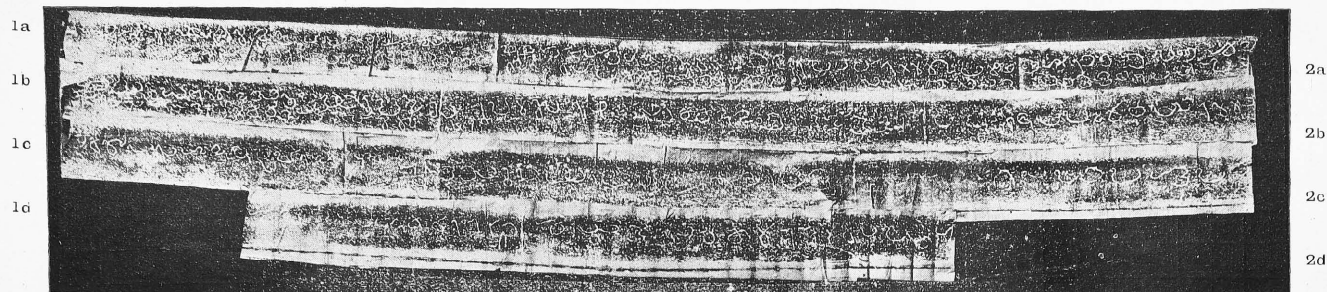
Kaviyur Inscriptions of Kali 4051 (= A. D. 949-50) and 4052 (= A. D. 950-51).

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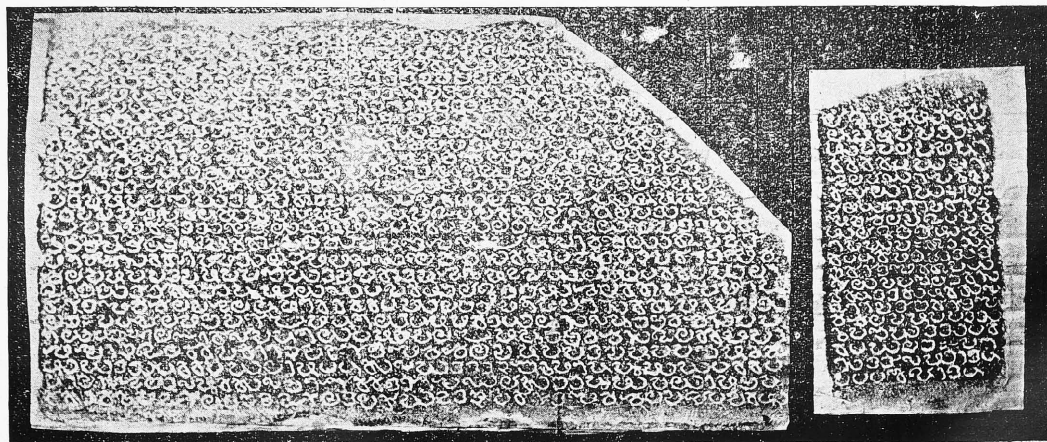
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C. Kaviyur Inscription of Kali 4051 (To face p. 289).



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Kandiyur Inscription of the year 123 of the god at Kandiyur (To face p. 292).



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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

In the year four-thousand and fifty-two after the Kali (era) began, while the townsmen of Kaviyūr had met amicably in the temple and the king (?) was also present, Nārāyaṇa Kēyavan of Maṅgalam gave . . . Tēmaṅgalatt-ōḷi and fifteen *kalam*s (of paddy) in (the field called) Eṭṭikari. The lands given by Nārāyaṇa Kiriṭṭan of Maṅgalam are Kuḷi-kōṇṇakkari and . . . *kalam*s and Iravi-lāgai. From the fifteen *kalam*s got from these, two perpetual lamps (must be burnt before) the god of Kaviyūr; four *nāḷis* and a *uri* of rice for offerings and for the midday offerings a *nāḷi* of rice. These two persons established . . . with these lands two *kalam*s (?). No one shall misappropriate the amount paid for this item of expenditure. Those that do so, shall be subjected to a fine of twenty-five *kaḷaṇṇus* of gold, which shall be paid to the king. The officer in charge of the district will also pay a fine of twenty-five *kaḷaṇṇus* of gold. The *ślānattārs*, the *parishaiyārs* and the *ūrālars* who mediate in such a transaction shall be considered as having broken the compact of Mūlikkaḷam. Those that plead for the offenders shall also be subjected to a similar fine. Even though the *ūrālars* unanimously decide to divert this amount for other purposes, they shall not do so. All these lands shall be farmed by the descendants of the Maṅgalam family and the Mūttavaṇ of Siṟaikkarai, who will also supervise the crop and the harvest, and shall cause the produce to be given to the temple.

KAVIYUR INSCRIPTION OF THE 4051ST YEAR OF THE KALI ERA

The subjoined inscription is engraved on the north and west bases of the central shrine of the Śiva temple at Kaviyūr. It records that in the Kali year 4051, a private individual named Dēvaṇ-Sendaṇ of Magilaṇjēri made a gift of something for offerings, incense, etc. This, as also a large number of the inscriptions on the west coast, mention the 'arrangement or decision made at Mūlikkaḷam.' He that breaks the objects of any endowment is deemed to have sinned against this decision. It is unfortunate that we cannot know what this decision of Mūlikkaḷam (*Mūlikkaḷa-kkaccham*) is; for, the temple at Mūlikkaḷam is one of the thousands of temples that fell a prey to the vandalistic tendency of Tippu Sultan. The temple was burnt by him and all the stone records were lost. Quite recently the temple has been repaired in an uncouth manner and the *pūjas* are being conducted in an indifferent style. It is one of the thirteen *pāḍalperṇa sthalaṅgaḷ* of the Malainādu.

Text (2)

1. ஸுவீரன் [11*] கலியுகத்துட்க நாலாயிரத்த அம்பத்தோராமான்டு திருக்கவியூர்பட்டாரசு [11*] க்கு மகிழ்ச்சி செய்தேவன் [11*] சேந்நன் திருவிளக்குத் திருவமிருதுத் திருவக்கிரமுத் திருச்சுந்நன்முத் திருப்புகையு மமச்சான் [11*] விளக்கனுக்கு உரிநெய்யும் இருநாழி அரித்திருவமிருதும் புகைய [11*] மண்ணினும் செல்விது [11*] தேவன் சேந்நன்மைச்ச . . . ராஞ்செலித்திச்சு கொள்ளக்கடைய [11*]
2. ஊரான சேந்நன் கரி திரு வக்கிரத்தின்னு குடுக்க*கடவ சந்தனத்தின்னு புகைக்குதி . வன்னில் . . . அமைச்சான் [11*] முழிக்கனத்து கச்சத்தோடொக்கும் . . .

KANDIYUR INSCRIPTION OF RAVI KERALAVARMAN. KOLLAM 393.

The village of Kaṇḍiyūr is situated a mile and a half from Mavelikkarai, the headquarters of the *tāluka* of the same name in the Quilon division. In the centre of the village is a large Śiva

(1) It might be that these two persons made arrangement to feed two Brāhmanas, for *kalam-amaittal* means establishing, if we may so say, *seats* for eating; that is arranging to feed as many persons as there are *seats*.

(2) From inked impressions.

temple, which contains elaborate, but rough, sculptured panels of stone, made in imitation of wood carving with which north Travancore abounds. The subjoined inscription is engraved on the east base, (right of the entrance), of the *mahāmāṇḍapa* of this temple. It is written in the Vatteluttu alphabet and the language is Tamil. It states that **Ramaṇ-Kodavarman**, the governor of **Oḍanāḍu** rebuilt the temple of Śiva at Kaṇḍiyūr; and that the repairs were begun on Friday, the 17th of the solar month Tula, **in the Kollam year 392**, and continued till Sunday, the 8th of the month Mēsha, **in the year 393**. It took, on the whole, some eighteen months and odd days.

The year 392 of the Kollam era is said in the document to have corresponded with the 394th year of the god at Kaṇḍiyūr: so also, the year 393 of Kollam, the 396th of the god at Kaṇḍiyūr. In another inscription found in the same temple, the date is given as 123rd year of the god at Kaṇḍiyūr; but does not give the corresponding year of the Kollam or any other era. From these, it appears that the god at Kaṇḍiyūr was set up 394 years before the Kollam year 392; in other words, about A. D. 823 and records were dated from that year as the first year of a sort of era prevalent perhaps about this part of the country.

The repairs seem to have been suggested by a woman at Kaṇḍiyūr, named Uppikalattiram, a native of Kuṟuṅḡuḍi, to **Ravi Keraḷavarman, the ruler of Veṇāḍu**. It is not quite patent who this woman was and how, if at all, she was related to the king Ravi Keraḷavarman. The record mentions a large number of public functionaries, who took part in the repairing of the temple. It mentions the following places:—Oḍanāḍu, Uḍaiśiramangalam, Śrāvira (Śrīvira?) pperumayyāṁ, Kuṟuṅḡuḍi, Veṇāḍu, Kuṟandipalli, Koṟṟanāḍu, Kaḍuvūr, Maṟṟam, Mēḡūr, Mullaichebēri, Muḷalumuḍi, Maraṇṇāḍu, Nandāmaṇaichebēri, Muttampalli, Vaḷḷōṇṇāvalppalli, and Madiṁmaṇ. Of these a large number has given birth to the names of a number of families; but where those places are, I am not able to identify. Kuṟuṅḡuḍi is in the south of the Tinnevely district, and is famous as one of the *pāḍal-perṟa sthālam*s of the Śrīvaiṣṇavas. Veṇāḍu is the South Travancore country.

Text ⁽¹⁾

1. ஸ்ரீவிஜயே [|| *] திருக்கண்டியூர் உறாத்தேவர்க்கு வலவூராதித் . . செய்தருளிச் செல்லாநின்ற யாண்டு நாசுயசு லாமா-
2. ன்டை மேடவ் விபாழத்தில் கொல்லம் நாசுயெ ன்டா மாண்டைத் துலா[ஞா]-யிறு யெ சென்ற வெள்ளி அனிழம் இந்நாள் முதல்
3. தளி யாண்டு நாசுயசு குமாண்டை இடபவிபாழத்து யிக்கொல்லம் [நாசுயசு] குமாண்டை மேடஞாயிறு அ சென்ற ஞாயிறு மகை-
4. யிரம் இந்நாள் [குட்] இடைப்பட்ட காலத்தில் திங்கள் யசு னால் நாள் ஞாந[யு] . . இந்நாளிக்கண்டியூர் உறாத்தேவர் திருவுடம்பு ஸ்ரீ பீடமும்
5. ஒழிய ⁽²⁾ ஸ்ரீ விமானமும் அவிக்கிணறும் விளக்குமாடமும் பணிசெய்விச்சு திருக்[கலசம்] முடிச்சருளிய ஓடநாடு வாழ்ந்தருளினர் உதைசிரம-
6. ந்நலத்து ஸ்ரீவிபெருமற்றத்து இராமங்கோதவரம்ம திருவடி திருவுள்ளஞ்செய்தருள க்கண்டியூர் தேவடிச்சி குறுங்குடி உண்ணிகளத்திரம்
7. இருக்க வேண்டைய சிழப்பேருர் . . . ⁽³⁾ பாப்பூர் முப்பு வாழ்ந்தருளினர் இரவிகோளவ . . . ⁽⁴⁾ மதிருவடியில் நின்று திருப்பணி

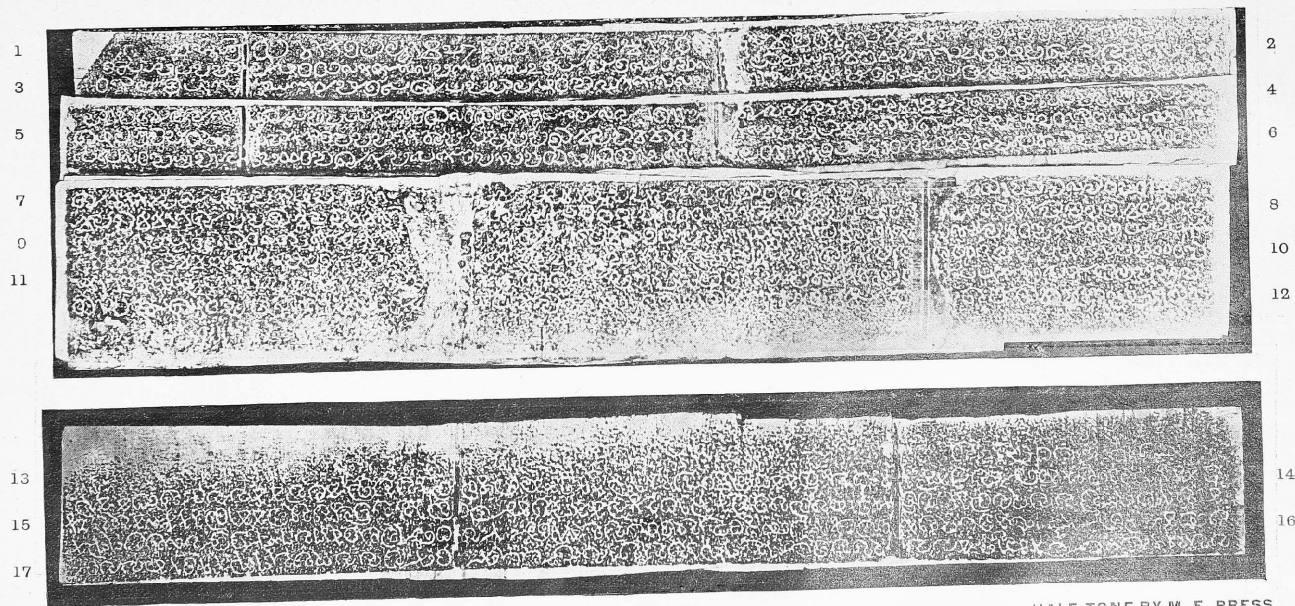
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Kandiyur Inscription of Ravi Keralavarman, Kollam 393.
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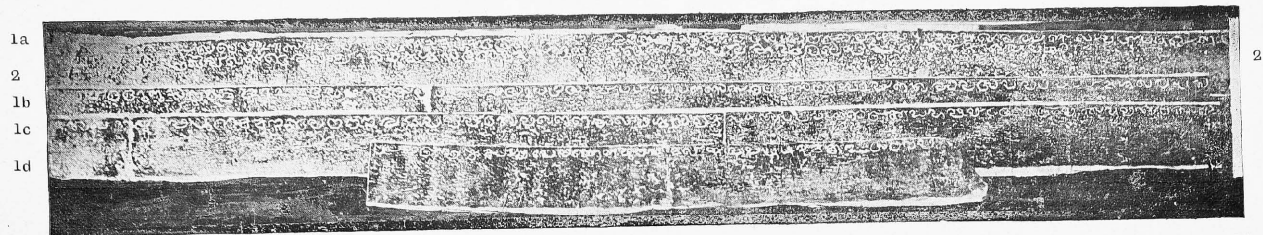


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Tiruvattaru Inscription of Vira Udayamartandavarma-Tiruvadi, Ko. 398
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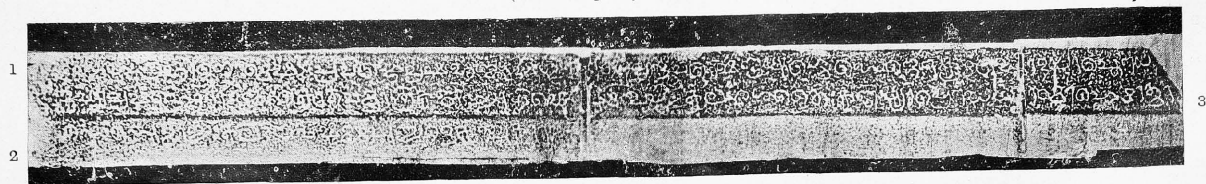


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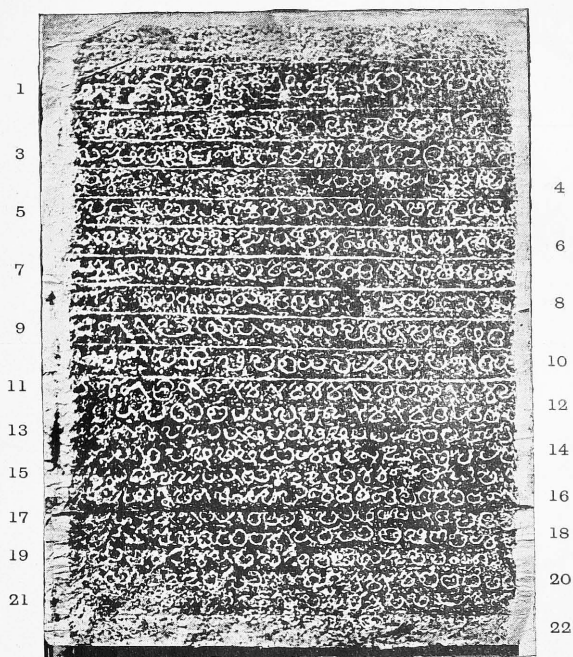
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Kandiyur Inscription of Raman-Kodajvarman
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Tirunandikkarai Inscription of the 18th year of Rajaraja I
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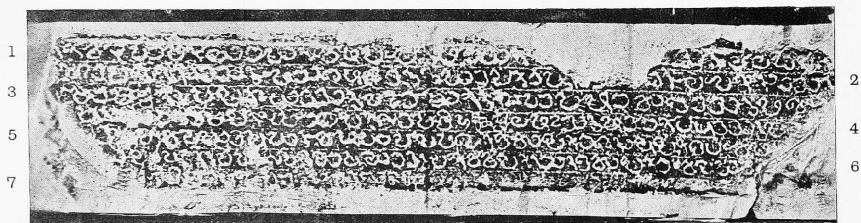
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| ū. | | 7 | su | 3 | ṭ | 3 | ḷ | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| e. | ḷ | 7 | su | 3 | ṭ | 3 | ḷ | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| ai. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| o. | ḷ | 7 | su | 3 | ṭ | 3 | ḷ | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
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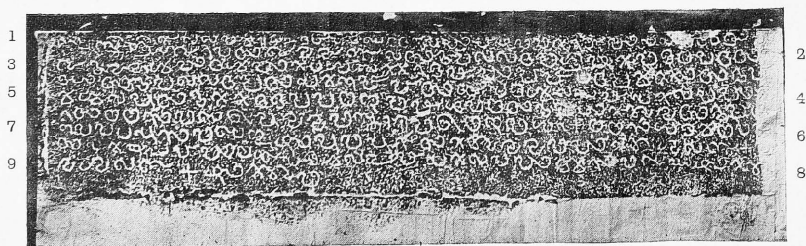
Numerals:- 1112 = 392. 1112 = 19. 1112 = 530. 4 = 8. 11 = 6.

Parthivapuram Inscription of Vira-Chola
(To face p. 294)



SCALE 0.13.

Tiruvallam Inscription of Ko. 412
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SCALE 0.1.

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8. செய்விச்சருள இப்பணி செய்விச்சருளி . . . ஓடநாட்டின்னு முத்ததிகாரஞ்-
செய்த பெருங்குவி . . . அத்தங் கோவிரநன் சேர்நனும்
9. . [உ]ர் படுத்தி . தலத்து கோதகோளன் . . . அதிகாரங் குறிண்டிப்பன்-
ளிக் கோளங் குமரனும் . லெழுத்து கொற்றன்னுட்டு கு-
10. ன்றன் ஆதிச்சனும் சிழப்பணி காஞ்ஞரம . . க்கோவிரஞ்சுந்தானும் எழுத்து
கடூர் இராம[ங்கு]ன்றனும் நாட்டுகாரியமற்றத்து
11. கோளஞ்சிரிகண்டனும் வெ . . க உள்விரு . . மை இராமன் உதையனனும்
மேகூர்க்கும் . . . நாட்டு காமங்கோதையும் மர்-
12. திரவோலை எழுத்து முல்லைச்சேரித்தா[மோதி]ரங் கோவிரநனும் தளி அதிகாரஞ்-
செய்த சிரி . . . எனுகுமரனும் உள்விரு-
13. ப்பு முழுவமோ[டி]க்கு[ம]ர[ஞ்சேர்நனும் பண்டா உள்விருப்பு மாங்காட்டுகோத
கோவிரநனும் புள்ளிக்கணக்கு நந்தா-
14. மனைச்சேரி இராமங்கண்டனும் கண்டியூர் மேலெழுத்து முத்தம்பள்ளி இராமன்
இரவியஞ்ஞவள்ளொஞ்ஞவல்லப்பள்ளிக்-
15. குமரங் கோவிரநனும் திருப்பணிக்கணக்கு மதிமண் விக்கர[ம] ஆதிச்சனும் கூடித்-
திருப்பணியும் முடிச்ச திருக்கலசமும் ஆ-
16. டிச்சருளியமைக்கு இவை விக்கரமன் ஆதிச்சன் எழுத்து [||*] புள்ளிக்கணக்கு
எழுதி திருப்பணிசெய்விச்ச நந்தாமனைச்சேரி
17. [இராமங்]கண்டன் எழுத்து [||*]

TIRUNANDIKKARAI INSCRIPTION OF THE 18TH YEAR OF RAJARAJA I.

The subjoined inscription is engraved on the west wall of the rock-cut Śiva shrine at Tirunandikkarai. It belongs to the **eighteenth** year of the reign of the Chōla king, **Rājarāja**, the great. It records that the king ordered that the name of Muṭṭam be altered into Mummuṭṭiśōlanallur and granted to the temple of the Mahādēva at Tirunandikkarai, for celebrating a festival ending on the Satabhisha *nakṣatra* in the month of Aippikai, the birth-day of the king. At the end of the festival the god was to be bathed in the river (*Ārāṭṭal*). Besides this, it was also required that a perpetual lamp be burnt before the god in the name of the king. This lamp was to be known by the name **Rājarājaṇ-tirunandā-vitakku**. The places mentioned in the record are :—Valluvanāḍu, Muṭṭam in that *nāḍu*, and Tirunandikkarai. Where this Valluvanāḍu is I am unable to say ; but mention is made of it in the inscription of Kō-kkarunandaḍakkar published in No. I of this Series (see p. 8). From the fact that Tirunandikkarai is said to belong to this *nāḍu* it is certain it must be looked for round Tirunandikkarai. There is a Muṭṭam somewhere near Erapiel and perhaps this was the village granted by Rājarāja to the Śiva temple at Tirunandikkarai. Tirunandikkarai is the village in which the rock-cut temple mentioned above is situated. It is at a distance of about eleven miles from Kulitturai. This place has been taken to be the name of a river, by Mr. Venkayya. The name occurs in a passage which reads thus :—“*Rājādittadēvar perumbāḍai-nāyakar Malai-nāṭṭu Nandikkarai-pputtūr Vellaṇ-Kumaraṇ.*” which means ‘Vellaṇ-Kumaraṇ, of Puttūr, living in Nandikkarai in the Malaināḍu, who was the commandant of a big army under Rājādittadēva.’ Mr. Venkayya writes about it thus :—“... Vellaṅgumaraṇ is said to have been a native of Nandikkarai-Puttūr, *i. e.*, Puttūr on the bank of the river Nandi in the Malaināḍu, “and” the first servant of the Chōlas, a native of Puttūr on the bank of the (river) Nandi in Malaināḍu”. (1) The Sanskrit passage corresponding to that quoted above reads ‘*Puttūra-jānma*’ and ‘*Kumāra ityākṛita*

(1) D. G. of Archaeology's Annual for the year 1905—6, p. 180.

Navagraharajah', in both of which he is called simply the native of Puttūr or the new *agrahāra*. It is silent about the *agrahāra* being part of Nandikkarai or otherwise.

Text ⁽¹⁾

1. ஸ்வஸிஸ் || * - திருமகன்போலப் பெ-
2. [ரு]நிலச் செல்வியுந் தனக்கே [யு] -
3. ரிமை பூண்டமை மனக்கொள காந்தூரர் ச[ர] -
4. லை கலமறு[த்தருளி] வேங்கைநாடும் கங்-
5. கபாடியும் தடிக்கைவழியும் துளம்பபாடி -
6. யும் குடமலைநாடுங் கொல்லமுங் கவி-
7. ந்கமும் எண்டிசை புகழ்தர ஈழமண்டல -
8. மு . . . ண்டிற வென்றித்தண்டா முதன்னெழில்
9. வளர் ஊழியுளெல்லாயாண்டும் தொழுத -
10. [சு]விளங்கும் யாண்டே செழியரைத் தே -
11. [சு]கொள் ஸ்ரீ கோ இராசராசகேசரிவன்மர்க்கு
12. [யா]ண்டு பதினெட்டாவது [I *] இராசராசத்தென்னு -
13. [ட்டு] வள்ளுவநாட்டு முட்டம் முட்டமென்னும் பே -
14. [ர்த]விர்த்து மும்முடிசோழநல்லூரென்று பே -
15. [ராக்கி] இந்நாட்டு திருநந்திக்கரை மாதேவர்
16. க்கு பெருமான் ஐயப்பிகைச்சதையத்தினுள்
17. நா திரத்திருவிழாவெடுத்து தி -
18. சதையத்தினுள் ஆறடி ஞானஞ்செய் -
19. [வ்]விப்பதாகவும் [II *] நிசதம் நாழிநெய்யால் ஓ -
20. [ரு]திரு நந்தாவினக்கு இராசராசனென்னும் தி -
21. பத்தாகவும் [II *] உச்ச

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

In the eighteenth year of the reign of the king Rājakesarivarman Rājarājadēva, the king granted to the temple at Tirunandikkarai the village of Muṭṭam changing its name into Mummuṭi. sōlanallūr. This is situated in the Valluvanaḷu a sub-division of Rājarāja-Tennāḍu. It was ordered that in the month of Aippigai a festival should be celebrated so that it might end on the day of the Śadaya (Śatabbisha) nakshatra when the image of the god at Tirunandikkarai was to be bathed in the river. Also a perpetual lamp named Rājarājan (after the king) shall be burnt every day.

KANDIYUR INSCRIPTION OF 123RD YEAR OF THE GOD AT KANDIYUR (A. D. 946.)

The following inscription is engraved on a stone lying in the yard in front of the Śiva temple at Kaṇḍiyūr. The preservation of the record is very good. In the introduction to the inscription published above, p. 239. I have stated that the image of Śiva must have been first set up in the temple in the year 823 of the Christian era. Therefore, this inscription dated the 123rd year of the Mahādeva of Kaṇḍiyur must belong to A. D. 946. It records the gifts of land made to the temple and the

(1) From inked impressions.

arrangements made in regard to the leasing out the lands and the incomes expected out of them and mentions the names of persons who were obliged to pay rents for holding those lands.

Text ⁽¹⁾

1. ஸுவமிநீதி [||*] திருக்கண்டியூர் மாதேவர்க்குச்செல்ல[ர]
 2. சின்ன யாண்டு நூற்றிருபத்துமூன்று (2) [||*] [இ]வ்வாண்டு கன்னி-
 3. யில் வியாழந்சின்ன [து]லாஞாயிற்று கோடிக்குளத்தில[*] இரவி[கு]-
 4. மாணுத்திருக்குன்றப்போழன் ராமந்தத்தனும் பண்டார வாரிய[த்]-
 5. திலும் வயிரில் கீர்த்திவனாதி தளியதிகாரத்திலும்
 6. இடநாட்டு நாராயணஞ் சந்திரசேகரானமைச்ச திருவக்கிரத்தினு
 7. பூமிசிறிய பறைபன்கரியில் ஐம்பதின்கலமும் புன்னை-
 8. ஞாற்றில் நாலொன்று ஒட்டையிலோரோடியிற் பாதியும் பரடை சி-
 9. று நிலத்தில[*] கூறும் சிறுமணலிந்கூறும் மண்வேலிப்புரையிடத்-
 10. தில் பாதியும் ஆஞ்ஞினி[க்கா]லாழ வேர்ச்சையிலொன்றைஓடியு-
 11. ம் பாலைப்பழஞ்சியிற் கூறுங்கழ[னி]க்கரையிற் பாதியுந்நாமனை-
 12. ச்சேரித்தாமோதிர நாராயணன் காரான்மைச்செய்து பதினாழிப்பறைபால் முப்-
 13. பத்து முப்பறை வித்துங் குத்து நெவிடங்கழியால் முந்நாழியும் முந்நா-
 14. ற்றதுபது தேக்காயுமிற துலாம் புளியும் இடங்கழியால் அம்பதினாழி
 15. உப்புந் கார்த்திபை ஞாயிற்றகம் இடங்கடவியன்⁽³⁾ புறமழியடை மண்ணக் கொ-
 16. ற்றன் புறயில் முக்கூறுஞ் சிறுமுனையேவி ஊழுவேர்ச்சையிற் கூறுந்நா-
 17. மரைப்பள்ளி (4) க்கும[*]ரம் மணியனும் மல்லியைச்சேரிக்கண்டந் தேவனுங்
- காரான்மைச்-
18. செய்து முப்பத்துமுப்பறைவித்துங்குத்து நெல் முந்நாழியுமிடக் கடவியன்⁽³⁾
 19. இராஞ்ஞிதானுகின் பூமியிலிடங்கழியாலைஞ்ஞாழி நெய்க்கு பற்றுமளவு
 20. காரான்மைச் செய்து நெய்யுமளக்கக்கடவியன் தாமரைப்பள்ளிக் குமரம் மணி-
 21. யன்⁽³⁾ வடவாய்மனைவளாலும் புரையிடமும் கண்டியூரில் புன்னைச்சேரிப்பு-
 22. ரையிடமு[ர*] ஐயனார் கலாப்புரையிடமும் வயனும் புன்னைச்சேரி இயக்கம்பா-
 23. மெய்யானு[வ*]இயக்கக் கோளனுங் காரான்மைச்செய்து முப்பத்து முப்பறைமுந்நா-
 24. ழிவித்திடக்கடவியர் [||*] முட்டுகில் வித்தினு பொருமளவு பூமிவிடக்கட-
 25. வியர்⁽³⁾நெய்தல்முக்கில் வள்ளோக்கண்ணார்வேவியாகின் பூமி வயிரமனை அ-
 26. க்கி சருமநாராயணனுந் நாராயணங் கோவிந்தனுங்காரான்மைச் செய்து இடங்கழி-
 27. யாலைஞ்ஞாழி நெய்-
 28. யும் முப்பதின-
 29. ழிப் பயறும் அள-
 30. க்கக்கடவியர் [||*]
 31. நெய் பாலிளபெருங்-
 32. காலாயிரி ஐயன்-
 33. ருபடி ஒள்ளது காரான்மை-
 34. மைச்செய்து இடங்க-
 35. ழியாலைஞ்ஞாழி நெய்-
 36. ளப்பிது⁽³⁾குற்றிக்-
 37. காட்டு காமஞ்சுத்தித-
 38. ன் காரான்மைக்குபடி-
 39. ஞாயிறு பறைபன்கரி-
 40. க்கடுத்த கிழக்கில்

(1) From inked impressions.

(2) The letter p in ° pattu looks like m.

(3) A mark like this represents a full stop in the original.

(4) The letter li in ° palli is engraved below the line.

41. ஒள்ளது தான் காரண்மை-
 43. ரூபறை வித்திடல்-
 45. வித்தால் மிரண்டு [||*]

42. ச்செய்து முப்பத்தி-
 44. கடவியன் ஸ்ரெவன்-
 46. வட்டகை இரண்டு [||*]

KANDIYUR INSCRIPTION OF KOTAVARMAN

The subjoined inscription is engraved on the east base of the central shrine of the Śiva temple at Kaṇṭhiyūr. It is written in the Grantha alphabet and in the Sanskrit language. It records the same fact as in the previous and gives the day as 15,11564th after the beginning of the Kali era which is represented by the chronogram *वित्रम पुण्यमेकम्*.

Text ⁽¹⁾

1. खस्ति श्री [||*] भानो मेवम् प्रविष्टे वृषभजुषि गुरोर्विन्दवक्ष्युग्मे सन्दोकुम्भोदयातो य-
2. दुर्वरवृषभो रामनःकोतवर्मा श्रीकृष्ण्यामिषिकाम् बहुकृष्णगतैः कण्ठियूरप्रौढवाम्नी हेमात्मा-
3. सो सुमान्यः कलिदिनविषमपुण्यमेकञ्चकार ॥—

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS ⁽²⁾

Be it well. Śrī. When the Sun was in Mēsha, and Jupiter in Vṛishabha, the most respectable Kōtavarma, the son of Rāma, and the foremost of the Yadu dynasty, made *abhishekam* (bathing ceremony) to God Srikanṭha of the big temple at Kaṇṭhiyūr, with several hundred potsful of water on the 15th, 11th, 564th day of Kaliyuga.

Translation

Lines 1-15. Hail! Prosperity! The year one hundred and twenty-three of the god Mahādēva of (the temple) at Tirukkantṭhiyūr was current. This year when the Jupiter stood in the constellation Kanni, in the solar month Tūlā, while Iravi Kumaran of Kōḍikkūlam and Tirukkunṇappōlan Rāman-Tattapa were holding the Paṇḍaravāriyam and Uyiril-Kīrti Eṇādi was the manager of the temple, Narayanaṇ Chandraśekharaṇ of Iḍanāḍu made gifts of (several pieces of land; of these) a piece of land in the plot known as Śīriya-Paṇaiyaṇ-kari yielding fifty *kalam*s (of paddy), a fourth of another called Puṇṇai-nāra, one half of one *ōḍi* in Oṭṭai, a portion in the (land called) Śīrunilam belonging to the *paraḍai* (*paraishad*) a portion in (the land called) Śīrumanaḷ, one half of the garden (called) Maṇveli, one and a half *ōḍis* in (the land called) Uḷavērchai near Āṇjinikkal, a portion of the (land called) Pālaippalaṇṇi, a half in Kaḷanikkara; these shall be farmed by Dāmodaraṇ Nārāyaṇaṇ of Nandamaṇaichchēri (Ilam) and shall supply thirty-three *paraḷis* of seed, a *paraḷi* measuring ten *nāḷis*; also three *nāḷis* of paddy measured by the *iḍaṇṅaḷi* (daily) and three hundred and sixty cocoanuts, two *tulāms* of tamarind, fifty *nāḷis* of salt measured by the *iḍaṇṅaḷi*; (all these) must be handed over within the month of Kārttiyai.

Ll. 16-18. (More lands given by Nārāyaṇaṇ Chandraśekharaṇ are:—) three parts in the garden (?) belonging to Maṇṇaṇ-Korṇaṇ of Puḷaiyidai (Ilam), a portion of the plot called Uḷavērchai (forming part) of Śīrumudaivēli shall be held and farmed by Kumaram-Maṇiyaṇ of Tāmaraippaḷḷi (Ilam) and Kaṇḍaṇ-Devāṇ of Malliyaichchēri and they shall give thirty-three *paraḷis* of seed and three *nāḷis* of paddy for pounding (every day).

(1) From inked impressions.

(2) Owing to certain letters being indistinct and undecipherable, this portion has not been translated. It describes the position of certain planets other than those mentioned above. An indistinct word *hemārtmā* has been left untranslated.

Ll. 19-21. Kumaran-Maniyaṇ of Tāmaraipalli (Ilam) shall farm as much of the land called Iraññitāṇ as would suffice to supply five *nālis* of ghee measured by the *iḍaṅgaḷi* and shall supply also that quantity of ghee.

Ll. 21-25. (The lands further given by Nārāyaṇaṇ Chandraśekbaraṇ are, as follows:—) The land called Vaḍavāyamaivaḷal and the garden (attached to it), the garden belonging to Puṇṇaich-chēri (Ilam?), the garden called Aiyarārkalappuraiyiḍam; these lands shall be farmed by Iyakkaṇ Paramēśvaraṇ and Iyakkaṇ Kēraḷaṇ of Puṇṇaichchēri (Ilam) and shall pay thirty-three *paraḷis* of seed and three *nālis* (of paddy daily). If they fail to supply, they shall forfeit as much of the land as is required for the seed.

Ll. 25-36. The land called Vallōkkaṇṇārvayal in the (place called) Neydalmōkku shall be farmed by Akkiśarmaṇ Nārāyaṇaṇ and Nārāyaṇaṇ Gōvindaṇ of Vayiramaṇai and shall supply five *nālis* of ghee and thirty *nālis* of green gram measured by the *iḍaṅgaḷi*. Āy Iravi of Peruṅgāl shall farm the land called Aiyarāyaḍi and shall supply five *nālis* of ghee measured by the *iḍaṅgaḷi*.

Ll. 37-44. Kāmaṇ Ṣatti of Kuṟṟikkāḍu shall farm the plot of land east of his land called the West Paṟaiyaṇkari and shall supply thirty-two *paraḷis* of seed.

Ll. 44—46. (Further Nārāyaṇaṇ Chandraśekbaraṇ gave) two silver plates and two cups.

PARTHIVAPURAM INSCRIPTION OF VIRACHOLAPPERUMANADIGAL

The subjoined inscription is engraved on a detached stone lying in the first *prakāra* of the Viṣṇu temple at Parthivapuram. It is broken here and there and therefore the inscription is fragmentary. It records that a person named . . . p Pallavaraiyaṇ *alias* Śaṅkaraṇ-Iraṇaśiṅgaṇ set up a silver image in the temple of Parthivaśekharapuram perhaps and made arrangements for burning a perpetual lamp in the same, both for the merit of Virāśōlapperumaṇadigaḷ. The record mentions Kuṟuṅguḍi, Muṇṣīrai, Māramaṅgalam, Tirumudāṅkōḍu, the Virāśōlappaḷam and Iraṇaśiṅgaṇ-ēri. Of these, Kuṟuṅguḍi is the town now known as Tirukkuruṅguḍi in the Tinnevely district, famous for its Viṣṇu temple and sacred to the Śrivaishnavas as one of the *divyadeśams* praised by the Ālvārs. Muṇṣīrai is a village six miles from Kulitturai and contains a large Śiva temple. Tirumudāṅkōḍu may be identified with Tiruvīdāṅkōḍu, which has given the name Tiruvāṅkōḍu to the Travancore State. The other places I am not able to identify.

The king Virāśōlapperumaṇadigaḷ referred to in the inscription must be the Chōḷa king Virāṇjendra, who held sway over the Pāṇḍya country also. The town Erapiel in S. Travancore is called Iraṇaśiṅgaṇallūr in inscriptions; perhaps it received its name from either the Pallavaraiyaṇ named in our inscription Iraṇaśiṅgaṇ or some ancestor of his of the same name.

Text. ⁽¹⁾

1. ரகேசரிவன்மராயின வீரசோழப்பெருமானடிச் , . . திருவாய்
வலவடி
2. த்து வெள்ளித்திருமேனி எழுந்தருளுவித்து கற்பூர . . .
ராய் வெள்ளித்திரு
3. மைற் . . . குறுங்குடித்திருந்தா விளக்கு வைத்து முன்சிறைத்
திருமலை
4. அர மங்கல மாறமங்கலத்து ஸ்ரீலக்ஷ்மியமுந்திருமுதான்
கோட்டுத்திருவி

(1) From inked impressions.

5. . . . த . . . செய்வித்து விரசோழுவன் [பாலம்] இரண்சிங்கன் ஏரியுக்கண்டசைம . . .
 6. . . . டிய . . . வ க்கப்ப[ல்]லவ[ரை]யன் ஆயின தருங்கைச்சங்-
 காரணங்கன் செய்வி . . .
 7. . . . ஸ்ரீ வி[ஷ்ணு] க்கள் ரு[செய்வு]

TIRUVATTARU INSCRIPTION OF VIRA UDAYAMARTTANDAVARMA-TIRUVADI.

Ko. 398.

The inscription edited below is found engraved on the south wall of the central shrine of the Adikēśavapperumāḷ temple at Tiruvāṭṭāru, in S. Travancore. It is an incomplete record, written in the Vaṭṭeluttu characters and in what might be called Malayāḷam language. It states that the king **Vira Udayamārttandavarma Tiruvaḍi** made arrangement, by gift of land, for the daily supply of rice required for offerings to the god **Ādikēśavapperumāḷ** at the temple at Tiruvāṭṭāru.

Text ⁽²⁾

1. ஸுவரீஸ்ரீ [|| *] கொல்லம் நார[சு]டா டாமான்டைக் கர்க்கடகத்தில் வியாழந்நின்ற
 மீன ஞாயிற்று ன்ற வியாழம் அனுழம் இந்நாளால் வேண்டு இளங்குடைவாண்-
 ணருளுகின்ற ஸ்ரீ வீர உதையமார்தாண்டவர்மத்திருவடி திருவாட்டாற்று பள்ளிக்கொண்ட-
 ருளின்ற பெருமாள்கு நியதிப்படி முட்டாச்செலவு அரிசிக்குங்கு மை ஆதிச்சனு தையன்ன-
 னுந் தம்பிமாற்கும் ஒள்ளிலம் செய்தகடைக்குட்டப்பெறையும் (3) மாத்தறையும் (3)
 கூட [நடுவ]ன சி ம் ஒள்ளமுன்று சலாகையும்
 அழகக்க நடு ன்னும
 2. பொலியால் கோதைநல்லூர் கிழச்சேரித்திருக்கோயில்க்கல் கொண்டுவந்து உணங்கி
 உச க்கு [ஆ]வழி

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

In the Kollam year 398, when Jupiter was in the constellation Karkāṭaka, in the month of Mina, on the Anūrādhā nakṣatra, the prince Vira Udayamārttandavarma-Tiruvaḍi, occupying the position of *yuvārāja*, (was pleased to grant) the following lands to the god, Ādikēśava-pperumāḷ, who is pleased to be lying at Tiruvāṭṭāru. The land named Chediyaḱkaḱkaikūṭṭapperai belonging to Ādiccheṇ-ḱḱaiyannaṇ and his brothers (of the growing capacity) of...*kōṭṭais* of paddy; the land named Mātṭarai (of the growing capacity) of...*kōṭṭais* of paddy; total 32 three *sa-lāḱais* and 30 *aḱaḱachchus*. From the interest derived from these, paddy shall be brought to the palace at Kīḱaicheṇi in Kōḱainallūr, dried and

TIRUVALLAM INSCRIPTION OF KO. 412

The inscription edited below is engraved on the north wall of the Brahma shrine in the Siva temple at Tiruvallam near Trivandram. It is dated the 412th year of the Kollam era, and records gifts made by some private party for offerings to the Mahādēva and Kaṇṇappaṇ in the temple at Tiruvallam as also for feeding Brāhmaṇas on the Sōmavāra Amāvāsyas. The record is incomplete and is of no historical value; but being dated it would serve the student of palaeography in giving him a notion of the shapes of the letters of the Vaṭṭeluttu of the middle of the 13th century A. D.

(2) From inked impressions.

(3) Here there are Tamil numerals expressing the extent of land.

Chittaral Inscription of Ko. 54 [8]. (= A. D. 1373.)

| | h | i | ch | ñ | t | n | t | n | h | m | y | r | l | v | l | l | r | n | Grantha |
|----|---|---|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----------------|
| a | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | कोट्टी = Kottu. |
| i | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | अनंत = ananta. |
| u | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | अनंत = ananta. |
| e | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | अनंत = ananta. |
| ai | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | अनंत = ananta. |
| o | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | अनंत = ananta. |
| au | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | अनंत = ananta. |

अ = contracted form of ananta.

Navaykkalam Inscription of Ko. 614 (= A. D. 1439).

| | h | i | ch | ñ | t | n | t | n | h | m | y | r | l | v | l | l | r | n | Grantha |
|----|---|---|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----------------|
| a | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | अनंत = ananta. |
| i | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | अनंत = ananta. |
| u | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | अनंत = ananta. |
| e | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | अनंत = ananta. |
| ai | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | अनंत = ananta. |
| o | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | अनंत = ananta. |
| au | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | ए | ओ | अ | इ | उ | अनंत = ananta. |

Chittaral Inscription of Ko. 548.

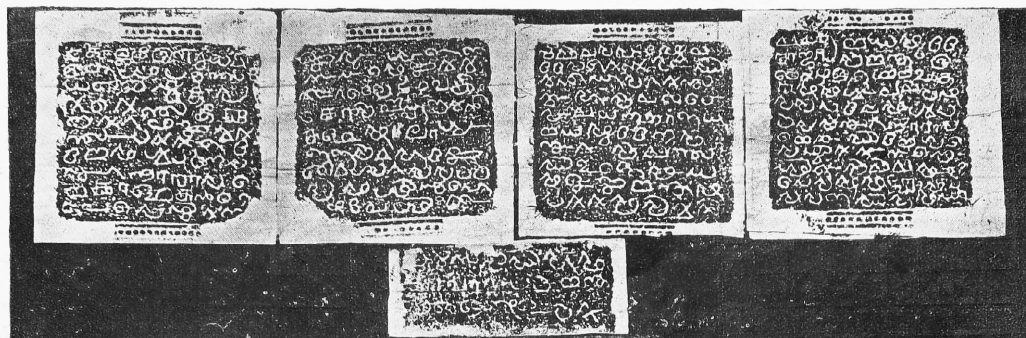
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1st Piece

2nd Piece

3rd Piece

4th Piece



5th Piece

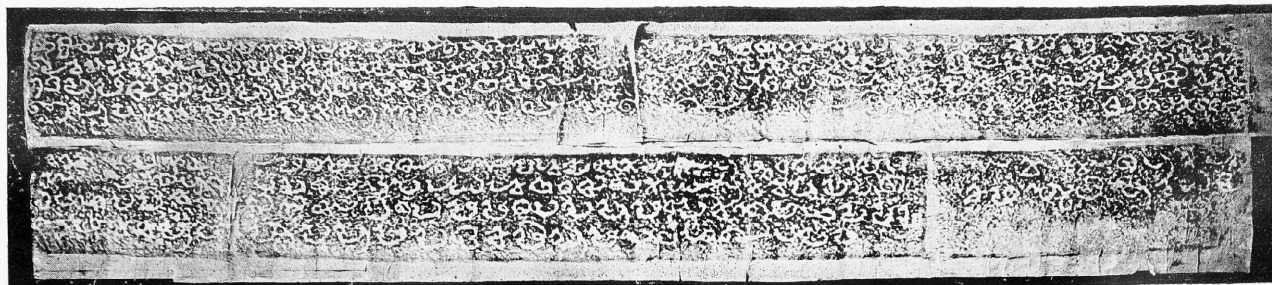
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Navaykkalam Inscription of Rama-Marthandavarman, Ko. 614.

(To face p. 298)

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2a
3a
4a

1b
2b
3b
4b



T. A. GOPINATHA RAO.

SCALE O.13.

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Text ⁽¹⁾

1. வடிவியன் [1*] கொல்லம் சாரை ண்டாமாண்டைத்தனு வியாமும் மகரநாயியு
வாயி-
2. அ இரேவதி இந்நாளால் திருவல்லத்து ஸீமுக மண்டபத்திலு
3. இருந்து செயித செயிகடவேலைக்காணமாவிது [1*] மடத்துசக்கிதிருவா
4. ண்டி திருவல்லத்து திங்காமாவாதி தேராயுஞ் செல்லுமாயு கல்ப்பிச்-
5. ச செலவு திருக்கண்ணப்பன் ணும் மாதேவன் திருவடிக்குந்திவருமி-
6. ர்தின்னரி . . . (2) யுந் நமஸாஸம் . . . (2) ண்ணும் பேர் க ண்ணரி வெஞ்சனம் உ-
7. ண்ப்பட அரி . . . (2) யும் ஆராதிக்ஞநம்பிக்கு நெல் . . . (2)
8. திங்கன் உவாவின் தேராயுஞ் செல்லுமாயு கல்ப்பிச்சரி . . . (2) க்ஞ-
9. ந்நெல் . . . (2) க்ஞ

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

In the year 412 of the Kollam era, on a Sunday, the Revati nakshatra, when Jupiter stood in the constellation Dhanu, in the (solar) month Makara, the following arrangement was made:—Śakki Tiruvāṇḍi of the *maṭham* gave some paddy (that is, made arrangements for an income of so much paddy annually) for making offerings to the Mahādēva at the temple of Tiruvallam as also to Kaṇṇappaṇ, on all Sômavara-Amāvāsya; for feeding a Brāhmana, and for paying the *pūjāri* of the temple. The quantity of rice required for each item is specified.

CHITRAL INSCRIPTION OF KO. 548 (= A.D. 1373).

The subjoined inscription is eugraved on the four faces of a pillar now lying built into the steps leading to the kitchen of the Bhagavati temple at Chitral. The inscription is well preserved. It records that one Nārāyaṇa Kālīka *alias* Dharmachētti-nayinār of the city of Tirukkūḍak-karai made certain arrangements by which the temple authorities were obliged to do certain duties in the temple of the Bhagavati of Tiruchchāpattu-malai. In default of which they were subjected to fines, etc., payable to the king. The exact purport of the document cannot be made out owing to its somewhat fragmentary nature. It is dated the 17th of the month of Mēḍam in the year Ko. 584.

Text ⁽³⁾

On the first face of the pillar

1. கொழுநாசும[அ மா]-
2. ண்டு மேடலாவது
3. ண் ண்முகிய
4. கணக்கு [1*] திரை-
5. ணகரம் திருக்
6. கட்டக்கரெத்-
7. தன்ம செட்டி[டி நய]-

(1) From inked impressions.

(2) There are some Tamil numerals expressing the measures of paddy.

(3) From inked impressions.

8. னார் நாராயண-
9. ன் காவிகுநு[தே]
10. வெண் பழிக . .

On the second face of the pillar

11. . பாடொள்ள
12. காரணமதிச்ச
13. சாரணத்து லிமவதி
14. கோவிலி[ல்] அறைச[ன்]
15. தவிமு[த] றா யொ-
16. ள்ள பிறவுத்தி
17. எற்பேர்ப்பட்ட-
18. தும் [மேற்படி] ஆண்டு
19. முதல் [மேற்படி] கோ-

On the third face of the pillar

20. விலில்ப் பாதமுல-
21. த்தவரேக் கையாடி-
22. ச்ச அவர்க்கு
23. சா . வில் ஒண்டா-
24. யால் டி நாள் அ-
25. ன்று முத்த நய-
26. னார்
27. . . உண்ணு மாய-
28. ம் இதின்னு மு-
29. டக்கம் பிசகி-

On the fourth face of the pillar

30. ல் அன்று முத்த-
31. ராஜாவின்னு ரு-
32. ங்கழுஞ்சு [பொ]ன் உத்த-
33. ரமும் சொல்லி பழ-
34. யபடி தன்ம செட்-
35. டி நயனார் நாராய-
36. னன் காவி (1) தன் வெண்-
37. பழிக்காராண்ம
38. [மேற்படி] 'கோவிலில் மாம-
39. ண்டபழம் திராமட-
40. ப்பள்ளி(3)யும் அ-

(1) Compare *lā* occurring in the word *lāyā* in l-6 of the Minchiyil Matham Plate.

On the surface below the first face

41. . சா . . யும்
42. [திரும]வா . ட்டின்னு
43. [முஞ்சிறை] . . .

NAVAYKKULAM INSCRIPTION OF RAMA-MARTTANDAVARMAN KO. 614

The inscription edited below is engraved on the west base of the central shrine of the Śaṅkara-nārāyaṇasvāmin temple at Navāykkalāṁ near Attingal, the head-quarters of the tālūka of the same name. Its preservation is tolerably good. Of the Vatteluttu letters in which the record is written, there are a few worth noticing. The shapes of the letters *ṇ* and *l* are rather curious; the first is a right handed spiral, while the latter resembles the letter *cha* of the Grantha alphabet. One other peculiarly shaped letter is *ḷā*. It looks like the numerical symbol 20 of the Tamil alphabet of the medieval times. The peculiar shape occurs also in the word *ḷāyī* found in l. 6 of the Miṇchirai plate (see below p. 301); and in the words *Kūḷi* and *paḷli* occurring in ll. 36 and 40 respectively in the Chitral inscription, (see above p. 298), the letter *ḷi* also assumes a similar shape. This form is purely modern, not being found in the earlier lithic or copper records. The inscription states that the king **Vira Rāma-Mārttandavarman of Kīlapperur**, the head of the Jayatuṅganāḍu branch of the Vāḍaśēri Illam, began the repairs to the temple of Śaṅkaranārāyaṇamūrti of Navāykkalāṁ on Monday, the 20th of the month Idavam, corresponding to the second *tithi* and the *nakṣatra* Punarvasu, in the year 613 of the Kollam era and built the temple of stone, built the central shrine and the *maṇḍapa* and covered the *paḍippurai* with copper. The *kumbhābhishēka* ceremony was performed on Monday, the 24th of the month Idavam, corresponding to the fifth *tithi*, the next year, 614.

Text ⁽¹⁾

1. ஹரி [||*] ஸ்ுவஸிஸ் [||*] கொல்லம் கூரடச லாமாண்டு இடப ஞாயறு உடெ சென்றநாள் வடசேரி இ[ல]லத்[து]ள் கிழப்பேருர் சிரிவீரஇராமமார்த்தாண்டராய சேது-
ங்க நாட்டு முத்த திருவடி.
2. இருந்தருளியெடம் திருநாவாய்க்களத்து சங்கரநாராயண [மு]ர்த்தி . . . முன்னுள்
கூரடக மாண்டு இடபஞாயிறு உடெ திங்களாழ்ச்சயும் புண-
3. ர்தவும் திதியும் அன்று யிதினம் ராசி கொண்டு தங்கோதியமச்ச கல்ப்பணியும் செய்-
விச்ச சிரிகோயிலும் மண்டபவுமமைச்ச படிப்பு-
4. னையும் செம்புமேனிச்ச கூரடச லாமாண்டு இடபஞாயிறு உடெ சென்ற திங்களாழ்-
சசயும் பூப்பும் பஞ்சமியும் அன்றே இடபம்
5. ராசிகொண்டு
6. கலசம் ஆடி அருளிது

PARUR ROMO-SYRIAN CHURCH INSCRIPTION OF A. D. 1624.

The following inscription is engraved on a stone slab set up in the north wall of the Romo-Syrian Church at Parūr, the head-quarters of the tālūka of the same name in the Kottayam division. It is written in Vatteluttu characters and the language is Malayāḷam. It records the death of the bishop **Francisco**, the head of the Mar Thoma Nazaranis (Christians), of the diocese

(1) From inked impressions.

of Malangarai. It is stated that this event took place at ten *adligais* after sunset, on the Sunday which begins the Lent in the month Kumbha of the year 1624 after the birth of the Messiah.

The deceased bishop is Francisco Roz, a Spanish monk who accompanied Archbishop Menzes. He belonged to the Society of Jesus. For his knowledge in Syriac, he was appointed to teach the youths at the Vaipicotta Seminary, of which he became the Rector. In the Synod of Diamper he acted as Assistant Interpreter between the Syrian clergy and the Archbishop Menzes. When Mar Abraham, the Syrian Metron died, Roz was appointed Bishop, but finding that the appointment would irritate the Thoma Christians, it was suspended for some time. Eventually he became Bishop and was raised to the Archbishopric of Cranganore. Even in the days of Paul Bartholomao there were entertained doubts about the exact date of the death of Francisco Roz. It was put down as having occurred in A. D. 1617. Paul took the trouble to go to Parūr to read for himself the stone inscription written in vernacular language, of which he was informed by the people. He then settled the date as A. D. 1624 and not 1617 as believed till then.⁽¹⁾

Paul says, "A sepulchral slab of blackish stone inserted in the wall of the *atrium* of the Church of S. S. Gervasius and Protasius in Pattana Parūr, Malabar, (in which church Rozius lived and which he surrounded by a wall, since to live either in Cranganore or Angamale was impossible owing to the continual wars), bears an inscription in the vernacular, written in the ancient Tamil-Malayalam characters.

"In the year of Our Lord 1624, on the 18th day of the month of February, at the commencement of the Lenten fast, (according to the custom of the Christians of St. Thomas), at ten o'clock on the night of Sunday, died Bishop Francis in communion with the Holy Catholic Church of the Christians of St. Thomas.

"I myself copied these words at Parūr on the 10th of September 1785.

"Since, however, these words cannot be understood of Francis Garcia, who was consecrated Bishop at Goa in the year 1637, the date assigned for the death of Francis Rozius must be 1624 and not 1617."

Text ⁽²⁾

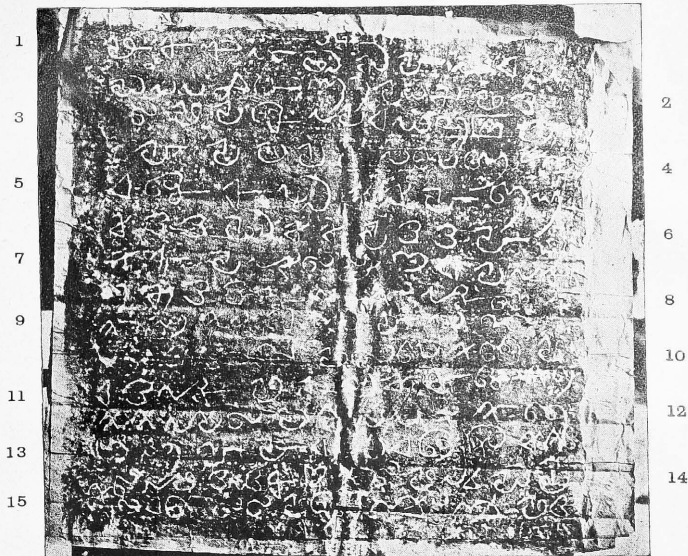
1. மாத் தோமா [||*] மிசியா பிறந்-
2. திட்ட கத்காரெடுசு மத
3. கும்ப ஞாயெற்று அட. . .
4. நோம்பு துடங்ஙன்-
5. ற ஞாறுழ்ச்ச நாள் அ-
6. சத்தமிச்ச பத்த நாழி-
7. க்காய் செல்லுன்றப்போ-
8. ள் சத்தவாள் காத்தோலிக்-

(1) Taken from "India Orientalis Christiana," p. 64, Edition 1792, by Fr. Paulius, O. D. C.; I am indebted to the Very Rev. Fr. Dominic, the Vicar Apostolic of Ernakulam, for the translation and the original. The original runs thus:—"Lapis sepulchralis in atrio ecclesiae S. S. Gervasi et Protasii in Pottono Parur in Malabarico muro insertus in qua ecclesia Rozius habitavit, et quam muro cinxit, cum ob continua bella nec Cranganore, nec in Angamali degere pisset, sequentem fert inscriptionem lingua vulgari Malabarica, antiquo caractere Tamulico-Malabarico in lapide nigricante celatum. Anno Christi nati millesimo sexcentesimo vigesimo quarto mense Februario die decima octava jejuni quadragesimali (more Christianorum S. Thomae) intrante die Dominica hora decima noctes in communione S. Ecclesiae Catholicae Christianorum S. Thomae in Malabarico episcopus Franciscus obiit."

"Haec verba ego in Parur anno 1785, die 10, Septembris exscripsi. Cum igitur haec de Francisco Garcia, qui nonnisi anno 1637, Goae in Episcopum consecratus fuerat, haud intelligi possint, Francisco Rozio non anno 1617, sed 1624 pro sui obitus anno assignandus est."

(2) From inked impressions.

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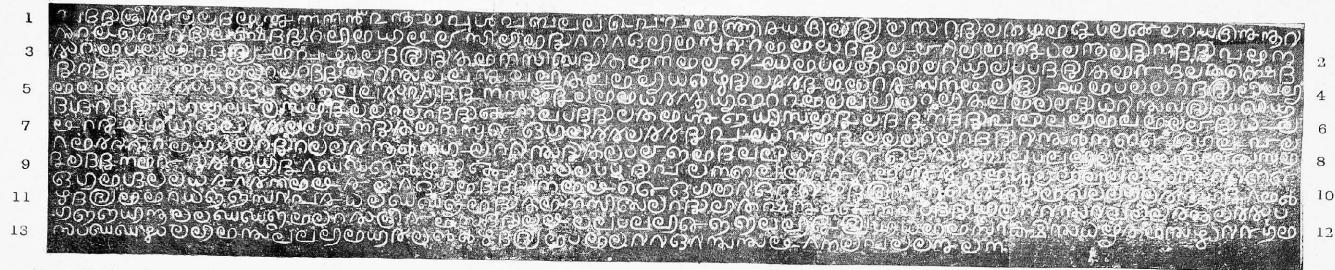
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Gantha letters:- अ = si. ख = ksh. ग = gi. घ = gh. च = chya. ञ = jhi

Minchirai Matham Plate of S' 1692
(To face p. 301)



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9. கர அக்க . . . யாறு கூ-
10. ட்டத்திலே மலங்கரை ம[ர]-
11. த்த்தொம்மா நசுரணிகள்-
12. க்க மேலப்பட்டக்காரை-
13. ன் ஆபா⁽¹⁾மாற் பெறஞ்சுக-
14. கு மேத்தெறன் காலம் செய்து [|| *]
15. அன்ற கொல்லம் எரகடுக மத [|| *]

Translation

Mār Thōma. In the year 1624, after the Messiah was born, on Sunday, the 8th of the (solar) month Kumbha, the day on which Lent begins, when ten *nāligais* were past after sunset, the saintly Mār Francesco Metron, who belonged to the Catholic A.....order, and who was the Bishop of the Mār Thōma Nazarins (Christians) of the Malaṅgari (diocese) died. It was in the Kollam 799th year.

PARUR JACOBITE CHURCH INSCRIPTION OF A.D. 1625.

This is engraved round the margin of a stone fountain placed in the Jacobite church at Parūr. It records that it was presented to the church by one Abraham Manuel.

Text (2)

மிசியா பிறந்திட்ட துகூரெரு காலம் விறச்சிக ஞாயிற்றில் இ மா . . கல்லபோட்டின் அபிராமானவேன் கொடுத்து

Translation

In the month of Vreischikam, in the year 1625 after the birth of the Messiah, Abraham Manual gave this stone fountain.

MINCHIRAI MATHAM PLATE OF S. 1692.

The inscription edited below is engraved on one side of a copper plate preserved in the Miñchirai Svāmi's Maṭham at Miñchirai. Being a very modern document, its preservation is good. It is written in a peculiar type of Vatteluttu alphabet and its language is Malayālam. There is practically no difference between *p* and *v*, and *v* and *y* and their secondary vowels. Hardly any distinction exists between *p*, *v* and *y* on the one hand and their secondary *i*'s on the other. The letters *su* and *nu* resemble each other closely. The consonant *l* looks like the modern Tamil, *v* whereas *n* is written like *l* of the medieval Grantha. The shapes of the secondary vowels *tu* and *tū* in this document are unique and are found, so far as I know, in no other records. For the use of the students of paleography a table of the alphabet employed in this inscription is added.

The inscription records an agreement entered into by one Kunnūr Nambūri, with the Svāmi of the Miñchirai matham. The Svāmi had deputed one of his disciples, a *sanyāsi*, to supervise the *samudāyam* of the temple at Āṭṭattūr. This *sanyāsi* died and disputes arose about the management of the *samudāyam*. Thereupon the Nambiyādiri of Paṇavūr took possession of the *samudāyam* and administered it with the Kunnūr Nambūri as his agent. But when eventually the Svāmi resolved to appoint a proper manager for the *samudāyam*, he first removed the Nambiyādiri from the management and put in the Kunnūr Nambūri himself. This latter person paid to the *matham*

(1) Read ° காரன் ஆய

(2) From inked impressions.

a *adityirai* of two thousand chakrams and bound himself to manage the *samudayam* in a just and honest way. The document is of no historic value but its palaeographic interest is indeed very great.

The following are the names of places that occur in this record :—Mingirai, Avittattur, Kunnur, Kurimur and Kulikkadu. Of these, Mingirai is situated at a distance of about six miles south of Kulitturai, the head-quarters of the Vilavangodu taluka of the Padmanabhapuram division, of the Travancore State. Avittattur appears to be in the Cochin State. I am unable to identify the other places.

Text ⁽¹⁾

1. வுவினீ [|| *] சகாப்(ப)தம் துகாசுமே னுமேல் செல்லுந் கொல்லம் காசுமேரு
மது விசிந்தி வருமும் இடபஞாயற்று டுட சக்-

2. கிறவாரோ ரோகணிநகூத்திரவும் அமாவாலியும் திரகரணவும் ஸகற்பம்ம[வி]த்திய
யோகவும் கூடிய சப தினத்தில் முன்-

3. சிற மடப்பிறத்து [மே]லழி[வ]த்து திருமனவிலே திருமுன்(ம்)பாரே [மேற்படி]
மடப்பிறம்வக ஆவிட்டத்தாரு மகாதேவரு சேஷத்-

4. திறத்தில் ஸமுதாய பிறவற்த்தி நோக்குந் குந்தாருநம்பூறி எழுதிவச்ச தாம்மிற
சாஸனமாவது [|| *] [மேற்படி] மடப்பிறத்து நின்றா-

5. ம் நியமிச்சிட்டுண்டாயிருந் கிஷுத்தான ஸமுதாயம் மறிச்ச ஆ[ளே]ற்றம் [வ]ந்து
பறவூ[ரு] நம்பியாதிறிக்கு ஒதுங்கி அ-

6. த்தேகத்தின்றே ஆ[ளா] [2]யி ஸமுதாயபிறவற்த்தி ஞான் நடத்திவரும்போள் ஆ
ஸமுதாயத்தானத்தில் நின்றும் நம்பியாதிறியே

7. மாற்றி வேறே ஆள் நிச்சயிப்பான் திருமனஸ்கொண்டு நிச்சயிச்சதில் [மேற்படி]
ஸமுதாயப்பிறவற்த்திக்கு என்னை கொண்டு நாலாயி-

8. நம் சக்திறம் அடியிற தீர்ப்பிச்ச என்றே பேற்கு திருவடபாளம் தந்திறுக்க-
கொண்டு கிழில் நடப்பு யிருந்நதுபோலே ஸமு-

9. தாயத்தானம் காணிச்ச ஆதாரங்கள் எழுதி ஞான் ஒப்பிட்டதிலின்னே நமக்காரம்
போசனம் செய்யுந் வழிபோக்கனை கொ-

10. ன்மேதேப்பிறுகார சனம்மாராயிரண்டு முத்ததின்ம்மாரே கொண்டும் கணக்கெழுத்-
துகாறனெகொண்டும் ஒப்பிடுவிச்ச ஆதாரம் எ-

11. முத்தும் மற்றுள்ள ஸகல காறிபங்களும் திருமனவிலே பிறதிபுருஷனுய் ஞான்
நடத்தி ஆ வகக்குகல்பிச்ச வச்சிட்-

12. ன்ள அனுபவங்களும் . . . னீராம சத்தியமாய் நடந்துகொள்ளந்து [|| *]
இத அறியும் ஸாக்ஷி குறிமூரும் குழிக்காடும்

13. கிடங்கழி . . ம் குந்தும் அ[றி]வன் எழுத்து மடம்வக கணக்கு குமாரனயிலப்-
பனயன்

Olai document of the Agapparambu Jacobite Church.

(1) From inked impressions

(2) This document uses a peculiar form of the letter *lā*. It is not only from the context that it is read as *lā*, but also from the same form occurring in other records. Compare *lā* occurring in the words *Kāli* in l. 36 and *o palli* in l. 40, of the Chitalar Inscription, p.

From a *olai* document of Ko. 923 (= A.D. 1748) belonging to the Jacobite Syrian Church at Agapparambu near Angamali

[illegible]

Text ⁽¹⁾

1. கொல்லம் சாளுக மத மினுனராயற்றில் எழுதிய பேர்பாட்டவோலக்கரணமாவது
மாங்காட்டில்
2. குமானன் சிருகண்டத்திருமுல்பாட்டில் கோனிலக்காரியத்திலிவர் அகப்பறம்பில்-
3. ப்பள்ளிக்காரியத்திலொட . னமஞ்சிலாக எழுபத்து முப்பரஅச்சம் வாங்கக்கொ-
4. ண்ட கோனிலக்காரியத்திலேக்குள்ள பள்ளித்தாழம் காஞ்சிரக்கோட ரண்ட நடபும்
வெட்டவும்
5. (வெட்டவும்) படிக்கே போதவிலைக் கண்டமு . ப்பும் இவ்விலம் அச்ச
எயுந்ரு-
6. க்கும் பேர் பலிச கழிவுமாகி அம்மார்க்கமே ஈ அச்சகொடுத்த கோ.
7. னிலக்காரியத்திலேக்குள்ள

Translation

In the year 926 of the Kollam era, in the month of Mithunam, the following *pér-pāṭṭa olai* was written. The officers of the palace of Kumāraṇ Sirukaṇḍa-Tirumulpāḍu of Maṇṇāḍu, having received from the of the Church at Agapparambil, seventy-three *achchus*, Kāṇḍirak-kōḍa (some sort of umbrella), two *naḍais* (?), lamp,

(¹) From the original. The fac simile given on the opposite plate is from an eye copy made by me from the original.

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The following other abbreviations are used:—*ch.* chief; *co.* country; *di.* district or division; *do.* ditto; *dy.* dynasty; *f.* female; *k.* king; *m.* male; *mo.* mountain; *vi.* river; *s. a.* same as; *sur.* surname; *te.* temple; *vi.* village or town; *Vij.* Vijayanagara; *Trav.* Travancore.

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